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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OFFICERS
of the Town of
DIGHTON



Year Ending December 31, 1957

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The office of the Board of Selectmen, Welfare and Health is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:00 P. M.; office also open from 12:00 to 1:00 P. M. The members of these boards meet weekly at 7:30 P. M. on Wednesday in the Selectmen's office at town hall.

The office of the Town Clerk, Town Collector, and Treasurer is open on the same schedule as the office of the Board of Selectmen except that Wednesday evenings the hours are 6:30 P. M. to 8:00 P. M.

The Board of Assessors meet weekly at 8:00 P. M. on Wednesday in the Assessor's Office. The office is open the same hours as the above offices.

The School Committee meetings are held once a month on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 P. M. in the School Committee room.

Telephone Numbers:

Fire Department: To report a fire—

So. Dighton Station Normandy 9-3131

No. Dighton Station Vandyke 3-3700

Personal calls—

So. Dighton Station Normandy 9-3291

No. Dighton Station Vandyke 2-0329

Police Department: Vandyke 4-4411

Selectmen's Office: Normandy 9-2731

Welfare Department: Normandy 9-2731

Town Clerk, Treasurer, Town Collector: Normandy 9-4241

Assessors' Office: Normandy 9-4241

Public Library: Normandy 9-2511

Town Nurse: Normandy 9-2141

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS**Selectmen**

Clayton H. Atwood, Chairman	Term expires 1958
Earle M. Smith	Term expires 1959
William F. Benevides	Term expires 1960

Town Clerk

Percy B. Simmons	Term expires 1959
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Town Collector

Percy B. Simmons	Term expires 1959
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Treasurer

Percy B. Simmons	Term expires 1958
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Auditor

Stafford H. Hambly	Term expires 1958
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Moderator

Stafford H. Hambly	Term expires 1958
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Assessors

Harold M. Mendoza, Chairman	Term expires 1958
Raymond A. Horton	Term expires 1959
Howell S. Carr	Term expires 1960

Tree Warden

Henry P. Goff	Term expires 1958
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School Committee

Albert DeSilva, Chairman	Term expires 1959
Helene E. Yeames, Secretary	Term expires 1959
Francis Torres, Financial Secretary	Term expires 1959
Lawrence Mendoza	Term expires 1960
Catherine Carr	Term expires 1958
Wyman E. Hawkes	Term expires 1958
Harry Hagopian	Term expires 1960

Planning Board

Wilfred A. Hathaway, Chairman	Term expires 1958
Ernest H. Atwood	Term expires 1959
Lester M. Briggs	Term expires 1960
Manuel V. Motta	Term expires 1961
Richard E. Babbitt	Term expires 1962

Trustees of Public Library

Lois L. Staples	Term expires 1958
Joseph C. Hathaway	Term expires 1959
Edward Greenlaw	Term expires 1960

Playground Commissioners

Norman L. Courcy, Chairman	Term expires 1960
Richard F. Simmons	Term expires 1959
Edward Antunes	Term expires 1958

Finance Committee (Appointed annually by the Moderator):

Gordon E. Spinney, Chairman; Milton F. Horton, Secretary; John Cambra; Elliot D. Cole (deceased); Louis Constantine; William L. Donle; Herbert Holt; and Clarence J. Eliason.

SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1957**Industrial Special Police Officers:**

Arnold Hoffman & Co.: Milton Chace, Ernest Correia, Burton Simmons, Manuel White, Sr.

Dighton Industries: Harry McConville, Leon Talbot, Herbert L. Hayes, George Nickerson.

Standard Coil Co.: Anthony Sylvia, William Raposa.

General Bronze Co.: Manuel Gracia, Frederick Merrill.

No. Dighton Cooperative Bank: Stafford H. Hambly.

Bristol County Agricultural School: Spencer D. Oehrle.

Public Weighers:

Arnold Hoffman & Co.: Dalton T. Maynard, Wendell Carrey, Arthur O. Gove.

Dighton Industries: Francis B. Miguel, Antone Raposa.
Civil Defense Director: Stafford H. Hambly.
Sealer of Weights & Measures: Donald B. Hathaway.
Forest Warden: Donald B. Hathaway.
Chief of Fire Department: Donald B. Hathaway.
Chief of Police Department: Charles A. Carlstrom, Charles H. Mason.
Agent of Board of Health: Charles A. Carlstrom, Percy B. Simmons, Henry G. Crapo.
Inspector of Milk: Henry G. Crapo.
Inspector of Sanitation: Henry G. Crapo.
Auctioneer: John W. Synan.
Town Nurse: Esther Bowden.
Policewoman: Esther Bowden.
Registrar of Voters: Eugene Perry, Jr.
Constable for Somerset Water Works: Henry Reckord.
Veterans' Agent: Theodore Boucher.
Social Worker: Bella M. Boucher.
Harbor Master: Arnold B. Shaw. Assistant, Martin Bergstrom.
Superintendent of Streets: Henry P. Goff.
Gypsy Moth Superintendent: George W. Rose.
Measurer of Wood: Field Driver and Pound Keeper: Raymond Horton.
Constables: Percy B. Simmons, Charles A. Carlstrom, Raymond Horton, Charles H. Mason.
Fence Viewers: Harold Mendoza, Raymond Horton, Howell Carr.
Town Office Clerks: Isabel G. Burgmann, Elizabeth A. Rose.
Temporary Collector and Treasurer: Isabel G. Burgmann.
Dog Officer: John A. Medeiros.

Inspector of Animals and Inspector of Slaughtering: Lester Briggs.

Reserve Police Officers: Anthony Andrews, William F. Ashcroft, William Duarte, Tobias Freitas, Charles H. Mason, Walter Plonka, Earl W. Rose, Benjamin C. Sherman, Harry F. Willis.

Special Police Officers: Ervin E. Barney, Maurice A. Boucher, Charles A. Briggs, Charles Brooks, Francis Buckley, Frank Cambra, John Cambra, Edward Carpentier, Louis H. Carr, Joseph A. Coelho, Arthur E. Compos, Norman Courcy, Anthony Costa, Raymond Costa, Cassius Cummings, Antone P. Dupont, James G. Fleming, Manuel Francis, George L. Goulart, Charles Gracia, Frank Gracia, George Gracia, Louis Gracia, Walter Hamilton, Jr., Byron E. Haskins, Ernest L. Horton, Raymond A. Horton, John R. Ingham, Warren G. Jones, J. W. LeRoy Latimer, John A. Medeiros, Thomas Nelson, George A. Perry, Joseph Perry, Samuel Pine, John E. Rasmussen, George M. Rubadou, Harold L. Sherrington, Frank C. Souza, Jr., Edgar E. Standring, Edward A. Keefe, Karl Spratt, Jr., John R. Stanley, Anthony N. Sylvia, Howard M. Talbot, Edward Torres, Frank Virdinlia, Louis P. White, Isaac S. Wilson, Levite Carrier, Joseph Medeiros.

Lieutenant of Police Dept.: Charles H. Mason, Harry F. Willis.

Burial Agent: Earl C. Hathaway.

Town Forest Committee: Raymond Horton, Gordon Hixon, Henry L. Burt, Harold O. Woodward, Wilfred A. Hathaway, William Andrews, David A. Millard, Lester M. Briggs, Henry P. Goff.

Election Officers: Anna C. Simmons, Catherine Sherman, Loris Frost, Selma Wall, Leland Pierce, Elaine O'Connell, Evelyn M. DeSilva, Cora B. Barry, Idola Boucher, Elaine Varley, Caroline Tripp, Helen Atwood, Mary M. Perry, Yvette Alves, Lillian Deslauriers, Ruth Leeming, Louise Catabia, Sarah Pilling, Hazel Reed, Florence I. Perry, Bernice Darling, George W. Rose, Irene S. Goulart, Mary Allie, Muriel J. Carey, George West, Mary A. Rose.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The Town Finance Committee was organized by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen on June 19, 1957 for the year 1957-1958. The same men were appointed by the Moderator who served the previous year.

At this time the Town Finance Committee members would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the late Mr. Elliott D. Cole who served many years as a committeeman.

On October 23, 1957, Mr. Clarence J. Eliason was appointed as a successor to the late Mr. Cole, by the Finance Committee.

To date since being organized, the Finance Committee has met five times with the request of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen regarding town finances.

All financial transactions contained in the Town auditor's report had prior approval of the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON E. SPINNEY, Chairman

MILTON HORTON, Secretary

LOUIS CONSTANTINE, JR.

WILLIAM DONLE

HERBERT HOLT

JOHN CAMBRA

CLARENCE J. ELIASON

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Dighton:

The organizational meeting of the Board was held after the Annual Town Meeting. For the second consecutive year the chairmanships were divided with Mr. Atwood chosen as Chairman of the Selectmen, Mr. Benevides, for the Board of Public Welfare, Mr. Smith, for the Board of Health, and Mr. Benevides was chosen to serve as recording clerk of the three Boards.

Fifty one weekly and twenty three special meetings were held with three vacation absences and one leave of absence for an official reason. The Board met jointly on four occasions with the School Committee, School Needs and Regional School Planning Committees for discussion of school building needs and policy. Three meetings were held with the newly elected Recreation and Playground Board for purposes of guidance and assistance in establishing methods and policies to be practiced.

Necessary hearings were held upon applications received for the various licenses requiring same. Board members have attended all County Association meetings and several meetings were attended as guests of the Southeastern Massachusetts Police Chiefs' Association. The Chairman was delegated to represent the Town's interest at hearings on the several Chapter 90 and Public Works projects.

The Board granted authority to the Chairman to accept the invitation of the U. S. Army to join the party of public officials of the Providence Area to tour the Nike Training and Firing Ranges at Fort Bliss in Texas and Red Canyon Range in New Mexico. The Chairman has appeared before several civic groups and shown slides of the operation as well as giving a description and explanation of the Nike system.

All appointments of Town officers and committees have been recorded with the Town Clerk together with the juror's list and are contained in the Clerk's annual report. Annual reports of the various Town officers and departments are contained in this 1957 Annual Town Report. Any attempt to publish in complete detail the various performances of duties within these is understandably prohibitive. Therefore, only the reports of official transactions and business of major and important concern shall be attempted as in the best interest of economy.

The Board of Selectmen has endeavored to provide all of the services to the public as is necessarily required and within the limits of the various appropriations. It is and has been our main purpose to coordinate the various departments and agencies into a complete and united organization, working efficiently and in harmony for the public interest.

Three committees were established at the 1955 Town meeting to study and make recommendations relative to different phases of Town government; namely,

1. Compensation and insurance of Town officers and employees.
2. Change of duties of certain officers and adoption of modern statutory methods.
3. Town office needs.

These committees have met several times over the two year period. Although there are many changes which could be made and many facilities to be acquired which could provide more efficient and economical services, any consideration thereon should be postponed until such time as the school building needs have been adequately and permanently decided.

With the general unrest and uncertainty as to the economic future, the taxpayer on all governmental levels: local, county, state and national, is faced with a most uncertain future. Wages, salaries, materials and services are continuing to rise; thus the cost of public service is ever-increasing.

The financial outlook is not a bright one for the taxpayer. However, the financial condition of the Town of Dighton is sound and enviable, and the taxpayers are again urged to study the Town's financial balance sheet as published in the Auditor's report.

Any further commentary on public policy and services will not be continued in this report. However, we list the following accomplishments and transactions as worthy of your consideration and interest:

1. Appropriation by the Town of \$6,000.00 for phase #1 of a tax mapping program contracted for by the Board of Assessors with the Ainsworth Associates.

2. Playground and Recreation Commission established by vote of the Town which should enable the adoption of a suitable program for the benefit of our youth.

3. Completion of the new Spring Street bridge and approaches, a \$79,000. project at a direct cost to Dighton of \$9,000.

4. Completion of the new \$29,000. bridge over the Segreganset River at Elm Street at no cost to Dighton taxpayers.

5. Allocations of \$25,000 for phase #1 of the Richmond Hill and bridge project obtained under Chapter 90. Like amounts requested for 1958 and construction is scheduled to commence in the Spring.

6. Purchase of a 1700 gal. tank and pumps mounted on a 1952 Reo chassis made by the Board of Selectmen acting under the provision of the Emergency Act. This provides an efficient method of transporting water to the outlying areas for fire fighting purposes. Many families received water deliveries during the severe drought of 1957 through the generosity of members of the Fire Department who volunteered their services.

7. Purchase by the Town of 10 acres of land and several

shed type buildings for use of the Street Department for housing equipment and future development and construction of a Town garage which will provide a large saving to the taxpayer.

8. Installation of necessary equipment in the two Fire stations for adaption of generators in emergencies. Also, the purchase of three radio-telephones from the Town of Somerset and their installation in public safety vehicles to be used in emergencies. The costs of these installations and the maintenance thereon were charged to the appropriation for Civilian Defense Equipment.

9. Construction of a suitable tower atop Veterans' Hall completed and dedicated for use of the Ground Observer Corps.

10. Major and extensive improvements to the South Dighton dumps completed under the terms of agreement with the Town of Somerset whereby the facilities were under lease. Lease, however, has terminated, and the facilities are now restored to regulations adopted and posted by the Selectmen.

11. Over 325 dead and diseased shade trees removed from Town ways offering improvement to the appearance as well as removing a potential danger to travel and public utility wires and cables.

12. A Shade Tree Program established with 50 new settings made under the direction of the Town Tree Warden.

13. A three months' leave of absence granted to Chief of Police, Charles A. Carlstrom, who subsequently resigned from the office and Lt. Charles Mason appointed to the vacancy.

14. Meetings called with School Authorities, Playground Commission, Chief of Police and Selectmen to formulate plans to aid in establishing a recreation program for the youth of our Town.

15. Equipment and apparatus for the operation of a Fire Alarm System in the North Fire Station obtained as provided

under a contract with the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. whose employees are beginning installation as this is being compiled.

16. The needs of expansion and facilities in the Town Office stressed to the School Needs and Regional Planning Committees. Committees appointed for study of insurance of employees, revision of duties and modification of Town office organization resolved to postpone all recommendations pending decision on school building needs.

17. Accelerated program of Street Department continued with the following having been accomplished:

- A. Drainage facilities installed and improvements made on Prospect, Williams, Summer, Elm, Main, Center and Horton Streets and Lincoln Ave.
- B. Gravel Roads surfaced as follows: Horton Street, 2400 feet; Oak Street, 2000 feet; Muddy Cove Lane, 650 feet; Baylies Street, 1000 feet.
- C. Elm Street widened for a distance of one mile from Chase Ave. to Main Street.
- D. Williams Street widened and rebuilt from Center Street south for 1500 feet under Chapter 90 funds.
- E. Gravel roads rebuilt as follows: Pine Street, 900 feet; Milk Street, 1000 feet; Brook Street, 2500 feet. These roads to be surfaced in 1958 with Chapter 81 funds.
- F. The 1958 schedule calls for extensive improvements to Oak, Smith, Wheeler, Walker, Maple and Hart Streets under the Gravel Roads Program.

The Town was grieved and saddened on five occasions during the year by the death of Town officers:

On January 26, 1957—Mr. Roy F. Walker, a member of the Board of Assessors and former member of the School Committee for over 20 years, served as chairman for nearly 15 years.

On May 21, 1957—Miss Agnes Murray, an election officer for many years and a W. P. A. agent for the Town in 1935 - 1938.

On June 8, 1957—John Cash, Deputy Chief of the Dighton Fire Department in command of the South Station, Civilian Defense Director and former Boy Scout leader and citizen of many civic interests.

On July 16, 1957—J. W. LeRoy Latimer, a Police Officer of long standing and former Superintendent of Streets.

On August 9, 1957—Elliot D. Cole, a member of the Town Finance Committee for nearly 20 years, former Commissioner of the Water Board and former Electric Light Commissioner.

The Selectmen, in behalf of the Town and its citizens, extend to the families of the deceased their sincere sympathy.

We wish to express our appreciation to all boards, committees, town officers, employees and citizens who by their cooperation have made possible the various services to the community. In behalf of the citizens, we extend to the managements of the Dighton Industries, Mr. Edgar Fain; Arnold Hoffman & Co., Mr. Charles Miller; and the Taunton Greyhound Assoc., Mr. Joseph Lindsey; our gratitude for the many services and benefits rendered.

Again we report that the Town Officials are aware of the ever-changing conditions within our Town and of the whole nation, and only by continued cooperation and coordination of all Town agencies will Dighton be allowed to efficiently provide the required public services.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON H. ATWOOD,
WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES,
EARLE M. SMITH.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**1957**

The regular Annual Town Meeting for the Election of Officers for the Town of Dighton was held on March 4, 1957 on warrant dated February 20, 1957. The meeting was called to order at twelve Noon by Stafford H. Hambly, Moderator. The balloting was under the supervision of the following election officers: Elaine Varley, Ruth Leeming, Caroline Tripp, Anna C. Simmons, Catherine Sherman, Selma Wall, Cora Barry, Hazel Reed, George W. Rose, Irene S. Goulart and Percy B. Simmons, Town Clerk.

The polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. The total number of votes cast was 1142. The ballots having been assorted and counted, the result was declared as follows:

Selectman for three years: William F. Benevides

Board of Public Welfare for three years: William F. Benevides

Moderator for one year: Stafford H. Hambly

Auditor for one year: Stafford H. Hambly

Town Treasurer for one year: Percy B. Simmons

Assessor for three years: Howell S. Carr

Tree Warden for one year: Henry P. Goff

School Committee for three years: Lawrence Mendoza,
Harry Hagopian

School Committee for two years: Helene Yeames

Trustee of Public Library for three years: Edward Greenlaw

Trustee of Public Library for two years: Joseph C. Hathaway

Playground Commissioner for one year: Edward Antunes

Playground Commissioner for three years: Norman L. Courcy

Playground Commissioner for two years: Richard F. Simmons

Planning Board for five years: Richard E. Babbitt

The regular Annual Town Meeting was held in the Town Hall, March 11, 1957 and was called to order at 7:30 by Stafford H. Hambly. Following the invocation by Rev. Warren C. Campbell, Mr. Hambly welcomed the guests from Attleboro High School.

VOTED: To omit the reading of the articles and refer to them by number and content.

VOTED: That the assembly consider adjournment at 10:30 P. M.

VOTED: That when the meeting adjourns, it be to 7:30 P. M. on May 6, 1957.

(2) VOTED: On motion of Gordon Spinney that the reports of the Town Officers as printed and published in the 1956 Annual Town Report be accepted.

(3) VOTED: On motion of Milton Horton that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint all necessary Town Officers and Committees not otherwise provided for by statute.

(4) VOTED: On motion of William Benevides that the Town Treasurer be bonded in the amount of \$32,000 and the Town Collector be bonded in the amount of \$43,900 to satisfy the provisions of Section 13 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws.

(5) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Clayton Atwood that we take up Article 5 after Article 6.

Report of the Finance Committee was given by Gordon Spinney at which time he said that the Finance Committee, after having met several times with the Board of Selectmen, has voted to approve and recommend the forty-five items listed in Article 6 to the total amount of \$416,290.48.

(6) VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the following sums necessary to defray Town charges and assessments as approved by the Finance Committee:

Account	Amount	Maker of Motion
New Elementary School		
Bonds	\$25,000.00	Francis Torres
Interest on Elementary		
School Bonds	7,590.00	Francis Torres
School Department	249,751.00	Albert DeSilva
High School Athletic Fund	1,000.00	Robert Roy
County Retirement Fund	4,518.51	Earle Smith
Care of Town Elms	3,500.00	Earle Smith
Gypsy Moth Control	542.00	Earle Smith
Brush Control	1,000.00	Earle Smith
Sidewalk Maintenance	500.00	ClaytonAtwood
Street Department	7,500.00	ClaytonAtwood
Chapter #81—		
Highway Fund	7,350.00	ClaytonAtwood
Chapter #90—Maintenance	1,700.00	ClaytonAtwood
Dighton—Berkley Bridge	1,000.00	William Benevides
Fire Department	9,178.28	William Benevides
Police Department	6,400.00	William Benevides
Public Library	1,841.00	William Benevides
Civil Defense Department	135.00	William Benevides
Civic Center	550.00	Mrs. Walter Candelet
Veterans' Memorial Hall	1,000.00	Harold Sherrington
Memorial Day Observance	175.00	Harold Sherrington
Playgrounds & Recreation	1,000.00	Norman Courcy
Board of Health	4,445.00	Earle Smith
Town Ambulance	472.00	Earle Smith
Care of Town Dumps	2,000.00	Earle Smith
Hydrant Rentals	1,740.00	William Benevides

General Relief

Administration	2,200.00	William Benevides
Aid to Dependent Children	4,000.00	William Benevides
Disability Assistance	3,000.00	William Benevides
General Relief—Welfare	6,500.00	William Benevides
Old Age Assistance	28,500.00	William Benevides
Veterans' Benefits	5,000.00	Clayton Atwood
Assessors Department	3,000.00	Clayton Atwood
Auditing Department	750.00	Earle Smith
Dog Officer Account	225.00	Earle Smith
Election, Registration, Census	1,315.00	William Benevides
Planning Board	300.00	Wilfred Hathaway
Public Property Account	350.00	Clayton Atwood
Selectmen's Department	2,725.00	Clayton Atwood
Town Office Account	6,925.00	Clayton Atwood
Town Clerk	935.00	Earle Smith
Town Collector	2,220.00	William Benevides
Treasurer	1,705.00	William Benevides
Finance Committee	50.00	Gordon Spinney
Town Insurance	6,402.69	Earle Smith
Tax Title Foreclosure Account	300.00	Earle Smith

(5) VOTED: On motion of Gordon Spinney that the salaries of the elected Town Officers as appropriated within the Departmental Accounts be established for the year January 1, to December 31, 1957 as follows:

Board of Assessors:

Chairman	\$ 700.00
Clerk	500.00
Others	600.00 each

Town Auditor	600.00
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Board of Health:

Chairman	200.00
Others	100.00 each

Board of Public Welfare:

Chairman	350.00
Others	250.00 each

Board of Selectmen:

Chairman	1,000.00
Others	500.00 each

Moderator	20.00
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School Committee Secretary	25.00
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Town Clerk	700.00
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Town Collector	1,600.00
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Town Treasurer	1,200.00
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Tree Warden	35.00
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(7) VOTED: On motion of Gordon Spinney that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$5,000 from the Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus) to Reserve Account Appropriated, in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6, General Laws.

(8) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town appropriate \$3,500.00 of which \$2,500.00 be transferred from the Machinery Fund and \$1,000.00 be transferred from Surplus Revenue to the Road Machinery Account, for purposes of operating and purchasing miscellaneous highway equipment.

(9) VOTED: On motion of Lawrence Mendoza that the Town appropriate the Dog Tax Refund in the amount of \$595.76 for the use of the Elementary School Library Account.

(10) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town authorize the transfer of unappropriated available funds in the Treasury in the sum of \$16,875.00 to Highway Revenue in anticipation of reimbursement from the State and County for Chapter 81 and Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance.

(11) VOTED: On motion of William Benevides that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the

Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1957, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

(12) VOTED: On motion of William Benevides that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell at public auction or private sale, all properties which the Town has legally acquired by Tax Title.

(13) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain, and to settle damages for land taken in conjunction with the 1957 Highway Program under Chapter 81 and Chapter 90.

(14) VOTED BY A VOTE OF 90 YES TO 14 NO: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town purchase from Miss Katherine T. Mahoney approximately ten acres of land and buildings thereon located on the East side of Somerset Ave., south of Elm Street, as described in a proposal on file with the Town Clerk, authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish and maintain the same as a Street Department function for the housing and maintenance of Town Highway equipment and to appropriate and transfer \$1,500.00 from the Surplus Revenue Account to defray the costs of purchase thereof.

(15) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town appropriate and transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$17,500.00 for the purpose of gravelling and improving Town roads.

(16) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the sum of \$6,250 be appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction, and to meet said appropriation the sum of \$6,250 be transferred from the proceeds received from the State under the provisions of Chapter 718 of the Acts of 1956.

(17) VOTED: On motion of Robert Roy that the Town appropriate and transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account \$2,500 for the purpose of defraying costs of making necessary repairs to the High School boiler.

(18) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 506, Acts of 1956.

(19) VOTED: On motion of Gordon Spinney that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 for the purpose of maintaining during the ensuing year, the mosquito control works as estimated and certified to by the State Reclamation Board in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 112, Acts of 1931.

(20) VOTED: On motion of Gordon Spinney that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Public Works of Massachusetts in the manner provided by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws as amended by Chapters 516 and 524, Acts of 1950.

A report of the Town Officers' Study Committee was given by Clayton Atwood as follows:

"Acting under the authority of Article 6 of the Special Town Meeting held December 10, 1956, the selectmen called a meeting of the following elected Town officers on January 30, 1957 in the Town offices: Board of Selectmen; Board of Assessors; Planning Board; Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector; and Town Auditor. Mr. Gordon E. Ainsworth, a registered land surveyor, was an invited party to relate to the group the processes and advantages of a mapping program for Dighton. Subsequently the committee voted to request an appropriation of \$150 for the purpose of defraying costs of a preliminary survey whereby an estimate may be obtained of the cost and details of such a mapping project.

"The Town Officials on other occasions have met and discussed numerous suggested plans for changes which would

be beneficial to the Town and offer more efficient and economical services. The following are recommendations that the Town should consider in the future:

- “1. Mapping project.
2. Engagement of competent consultants to learn of the advantages or disadvantages of a revaluation program.
3. Abolishment of the office of Town Auditor.
4. Acceptance of the act providing for the establishment of the system of appointing a town accountant.
5. Modification of the clerical, stenographic and accounting duties of the correlated offices of Selectmen, Assessors, Treasurer and Collector, and Planning Board.
6. Adoption of provisions of Chapter 41, Section 23, providing for the appointment of an agent or executive secretary to the Board of Selectmen to administer the various duties of the Board of Selectmen, namely: purchasing, research, preparation of preliminary details, direction, coordination, supervision and various services.
7. A study of the feasibility of the Town combining the functions of the various districts by special legislation and also the consideration of the provisions of the betterment act.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) CLAYTON H. ATWOOD
PERCY B. SIMMONS
WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES
EARLE M. SMITH
STAFFORD H. HAMBLBY
HAROLD MENDOZA”

(21) VOTED: On motion of Milton Horton that the report of the Town Officers' Study Committee be accepted as a report of progress and that the Committee be instructed to continue

the study and to conduct a preliminary survey of the mapping needs of the Town.

(22) VOTED: On motion of Gordon Spinney that the Town appropriate and transfer \$150 from the Surplus Revenue Account to a Town Mapping Account to defray costs of a preliminary survey.

A report of the Group Insurance Committee was given by Clayton Atwood as follows:

“Acting on the authority of the vote of Article 7 of the Special Town Meeting on December 10, 1956, the Selectmen appointed Town Clerk, Percy B. Simmons, and Town Auditor, Stafford H. Hambly to study with them the provisions of the Chapter of law to provide group life, accident, hospital, medical and surgical insurance for Town employees. The committee met with representatives of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association and discussed the proper course of action to follow, namely:

- “1. Survey of Town employees to determine the number desiring to participate.
2. An estimate of premium cost to the Town.
3. Acceptance of the act by the Town on an official ballot.
4. An appropriation to defray cost of the premiums.

“The committee abandoned any hope of voting under the Chapter at the 1957 election for lack of sufficient information as to number of employees and the Town cost. It is proposed that complete information in detail will be compiled in a survey, publication of this information will be made, and the voter will be presented with all of the facts before the 1958 annual election.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) CLAYTON H. ATWOOD
PERCY B. SIMMONS
WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES
EARLE M. SMITH
STAFFORD H. HAMBLY”

(23) VOTED: On motion of Milton Horton that the Town accept the report of the Group Insurance Committee as a progress report and instruct the committee to proceed with the recommendation as outlined.

A report of the Town Office Committee was given by Clayton Atwood as follows:

"Acting under authority of the vote of Article 9 of the Special Town Meeting held on December 10, 1956, the Selectmen appointed the following to serve with them to consider the Town office needs; Town Clerk, Town Auditor, Chairman of Assessors, Chairman of Planning Board, and the Superintendent of Schools.

"It was unanimously agreed that before any consideration is to be given to expansion or modification of the present town offices that the Town await the outcome of the report of the School Needs Committee and subsequent Town action. The correlation is recognized and all consideration will be made by each committee jointly.

"However, the report of a prior town office committee has been studied, and this the current committee recommends with the addition of the following provisions:

- "1. Welfare office and consultation room.
2. Town Auditor or Town Accountant quarters.
3. Superintendent of Schools office.
4. Police Department headquarters.
5. Hearing room.
6. Planning Board room.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) CLAYTON H. ATWOOD
PERCY B. SIMMONS
WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES
STAFFORD H. HAMBLBY
EARLE M. SMITH
HAROLD M. MENDOZA
ROBERT T. ROY"

(24) VOTED: On motion of Milton Horton that the report of the Town Office committee be accepted as a progress report and the committee be instructed to continue to function as outlined.

The report of the Town Forest Committee was given by David Millard. He reported that there has been nothing done during the past ten years in the Town forests where there is now valuable lumber and timber, but there is apparently no interest in the Town forests. We have several Town wood lots, some of which were set with young trees during the days of the WPA, but no one at present seems to know where all of these lots are located. The Town Forest Committee, made up of the following members: Wilfred A. Hathaway, Harold O. Woodward, Raymond Horton, Henry L. Burt, Lester M. Briggs, Henry Goff, William Andrews, David A. Millard, and Gordon Hixon, met in April and decided to make a recommendation that the Town start a Shade Tree project and set out trees along the highways of the Town to replace the elms which are being removed because of disease.

(25) VOTED: On motion of William Benevides that the Town Forest Committee report be accepted as a progress report.

(26) VOTED: On motion of David Millard that the Town appropriate and transfer \$500 from the Surplus Revenue Account for the purpose of establishing a shade tree project.

A report of the School Buildings Needs Committee was given by Stuart Arnold as follows:

"The School Building Needs Committee again became active when the agreement presented by the Regional District Planning Committee was not accepted. Mr. Walter Candelet resigned as chairman of the Needs Committee but remained as a member. Mr. Stuart Arnold was elected the new chairman of the committee. To date the committee has met five times and discussed many ideas.

"A review of the school situation as it exists today was

presented. A daytime tour of the present buildings was taken while classes were in session. As a result of the study and the tour it was decided that the needs were most pressing in the following areas:

- “1. The elementary school needs more classrooms.
2. The vocational school area is too small.
3. To run the high school program with courses and enrollments as they are now, extra classrooms are needed.

“The committee arranged a meeting with the Dighton Selectmen and the Dighton School Committee. Several plans were discussed and plans and estimated costs found on page 3 of this report were arrived at as possible solutions to the problem. The plan that seems the least expensive would be one that would call for a regional four year high school, including vocational training, with Berkley and converting the present high school to a regional junior high school. By doing this grades 7 and 8 would be removed from the elementary school leaving rooms vacant for the first six grades.

“The Needs Committee requested the moderator to appoint a new regional Planning Committee according to vote of the Town on December 10, 1956. The following committee was appointed on February 28th and has held one meeting with Berkley: Mr. Stuart Arnold, Mr. Robert Bradshaw and Mr. Albert DeSilva.

“It is hoped that this committee working with the Needs Committee, the School Committee and other town officials will come up with a reasonable solution to our problem.

Table I

Enrollment by Grades December 1956

Grade	Dighton	Berkley	Total
1	81	27	108
2	70	29	99
3	76	39	115

Grade	Dighton	Berkley	Total
4	73	31	104
5	65	31	96
6	66	22	88
7	56	29	85
8	67	20	87
9	55	20	75
10	44	19	63
11	34	12	46
12	24	13	37

Table II

Number of Berkley and Dighton pupils in 4 years of High

	Dighton	Berkley	Total
September 1956	157	64	221
September 1957	200	71	271
September 1958	222	88	310
September 1959	244	91	335
September 1960	254	102	356
September 1961	260	113	373
September 1962	280	123	403
September 1963	284	130	414
September 1964	300	126	426

This is subject to some drop outs

Table III

Enrollment for Dighton High September 1959

Grade	Dighton	Berkley	Total
Freshman	66	22	88
Sophomores	56	29	85
Juniors	67	20	87
Seniors	55	20	75
Total	244	91	335

Summary of Estimated Costs

Plan	Total Cost	Cost to Dighton	Cost first year with interest at 3.75%	Reduc- tion each year
1 (a) Junior High Addition to Elementary School	\$648,000.00	\$350,892.00	\$40,629.60	\$1,154.25
(b) New Vocational School	131,720.00	71,336.00	8,259.34	234.63
Total	\$779,720.00	\$422,228.00	\$48,888.94	\$1,388.88
2 (a) 4 year Regional with Berkley inc. Voc'tl	1,100,000.00	276,214.40	43,405.12	1,479.72
(b) 4 year High Alone	1,100,000.00	595,650.00	69,970.00	1,959.38
3 3 year High Alone	880,000.00	476,520.00	55,176.00	1,567.50

Respectfully submitted,

DIGHTON SCHOOL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

(Signed) STUART A. ARNOLD, Chairman
 ROBERT A. BRADSHAW
 WYMAN E. HAWKES
 WALTER H. CANDELET
 JUNE G. HAMBLY
 ELLEN B. SHAW
 EARLE M. SMITH
 CAESAR ARAUJO
 ROBERT T. ROY,
 Superintendent of Schools"

(27) VOTED: On motion of Wyman Hawkes that the Town accept the report of the Dighton School Building Needs Committee as a report of progress.

A report of the Regional School Planning Committee was given by Stuart Arnold. Mr. Arnold stated that the Regional Committee had been appointed on February 28, 1957 and had held one meeting on March 6, 1957. This meeting had been with the regional committee for Berkley and the Superintendent of Schools. The Dighton Committee will meet again with this group on March 23, and they wish to go on record as being ready to talk with any committee that wishes to

talk with them and shall report back to the Town of their findings.

(28) VOTED: On motion of Wyman Hawkes that the Town accept the report of the Regional School Planning Committee as a report of progress and instruct them to continue study with any interested towns.

A report of the Finance Committee's study of Town needs for capital outlay was given by Gordon Spinney as follows:

"A year ago it was suggested that the Finance Committee adopt a long range planning program. At that time a group of citizens toured the Town to determine the Town's Financial Needs for Capital Outlay. They came up with the following:

1. School Department—to have a special committee appointed and a regional committee was appointed. Later on this committee gave a report of progress.
2. Police Department—expansion program with growth of town. Also to replace cruiser when needed.
3. Fire Department—new piece of apparatus to replace Chevrolet at South Station. Also to consider expansion of building to house new equipment.
4. Road construction—replacement of Elm Street and Spring Street Bridges.
5. Recreational needs—to have the Town take over the recreational centers.

This year's needs by priority:

1. School Department—activated School Needs Committee (report already given). Also another regional school committee was appointed .
2. Town Offices—a study of Town Offices was designated to a committee who reported the needs of the Town Offices but sacrificed themselves to the school needs.
3. Recreational needs—three men were voted into office as a commission to oversee our playgrounds and recreational centers.

4. Police Department—the cruiser was replaced with a new Plymouth Station wagon.
5. Town Equipment Housing—tonight an article was voted on to purchase land and buildings on Somerset Ave. to house the town equipment on a temporary basis.
6. Road Construction—to complete Pine, Brook, Milk, Horton, Smith, Briggs, and Hart Streets.
7. Fire Department—to replace Chevrolet at South Station. Also to consider the North Station as this is now owned by Fain and we are using it on a temporary basis.
8. Town Garage—this is to be considered in the future.

(Signed) GORDON E. SPINNEY,
Chairman Finance Committee"

(29) VOTED: On motion of Earle Smith that the report of the Finance Committee's Study of Town Needs for Capital Outlay be accepted and duly recorded.

(30) Fr. McCarthy made a request that the Town provide two Little League Fields, one at either end of the Town. Norman Courcy, Chairman of the Playground Commission, will look into the matter and report at the adjourned Town meeting on May 6, 1957.

Benediction by Fr. McCarthy followed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M. to reconvene at 7:30 P.M. on May 6, 1957.

The adjourned Town Meeting was called to order by Stafford Hambly, moderator at 7:30 P.M., on May 6, 1957.

Mr. Hambly appointed the Finance Committee to serve until the final adjournment of the 1958 Annual Town Meeting as follows: John Cambra, Main St.; Elliot D. Cole, Pleasant St.; Louis Constantine, County St.; William L. Donle, Pine St.; Milton F. Horton, Walker St.; Herbert Holt, Andrews St.; and Gordon E. Spinney, Summer St.

As there was no further business to come up at the Adjourned meeting, a motion was made, seconded, and passed that the meeting be adjourned without date.

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:35 by the Moderator, Mr. Stafford Hambly, who then read the warrant. (May 6, 1957).

Gordon E. Spinney gave the report of the Finance Committee stating that the committee had voted approval that the Town raise and appropriate \$5,005.05 for Article 1; \$6,000. for Article 2; and \$400. for Article 3.

(1) VOTED: On motion of William Benevides that the Town raise and appropriate \$5005.05 to pay the Welfare Department of the City of Fall River for settlement of an unpaid account as billed for the years 1950 to 1955, such payment to conform with the provisions of Section 64 of Chapter 44, General Laws.

(2) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town raise and appropriate \$6000. for the purpose of establishing a Tax Mapping Project and that the Board of Assessors be authorized to contract for the supplying of same.

(3) VOTED: On motion of Earle Smith that the Town raise and appropriate \$400.00 for the purpose of erecting an observation tower on top Veterans' Memorial Hall for use of the Ground Observer Corps and that the Director of Civil Defense be authorized to provide for same.

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 8:00 P. M. (August 5, 1957).

(1) VOTED: On motion made by Clayton Atwood that the Town of Dighton accept a proposed layout of Spring St. as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk and to authorize and accept a proposed taking by eminent domain or purchase, as provided by the General Laws of Massachusetts, by the Selectmen of the Town of Dighton, for the purpose of constructing, altering, locating or repairing a highway in said Dighton, known as Spring Street, as shown on a plan of the

proposed layout of Spring Street, entitled "Plan Showing a Portion of Spring Street in the Town of Dighton, as laid out by the Town, Scale 40' to the inch, April, 1957," said plan being on file with the Town Clerk, certain parcels of land in fee with all rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances thereto, including all fixtures, buildings, structures affixed thereto, and all trees, including shade trees, fruit trees, shrubs and stone walls.

Attest:

PERCY B. SIMMONS,
Town Clerk

LICENSES ISSUED DURING 1957

The following licenses were issued during 1957: All Alcoholic Club License (1), All Alcoholic Restaurant Licenses (2), All Alcoholic Package Store Licenses (2), Automobile Dealers' Licenses—Class I (1), Class II (2), Class III (3), Cabin Licenses (3), Common Victualler's License (10), Denatured Alcohol License (4), Firearms Licenses (3), Garbage Collector Permit (1), Gasoline Permits (4), Ice Cream Manufacturers (1), Junk Collectors (7), Lord's Day (17), Milk Licenses—Stores (13), Milk Licenses—Vehicles (4), Oleomargarine License (6), Oyster Bed Privileges (1), Sausage Manufacturer's License (1), Moving Permits (3), Building Permits—Alteration (25), Building Permits—New Construction (17), Wine and Malt Beverages (1), Temporary Wine and Malt Beverage (13). A dog racing meeting license to conduct a dog racing meet was issued to the Rehoboth Fair, Inc. beginning August 19, 1957 to August 24, 1957. A dog racing meeting license was issued to the Taunton Greyhound Assoc., Inc. beginning August 30, 1957 to October 26, 1957.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN DIGHTON DURING 1957

Date	Name	Parents
JANUARY		
FEBRUARY		
8	William Camilo Severino	Camilo & Marion MacVay Severino
10	Bernice Anne Rose	Donald & Rosa Renke Rose
17	Robert Kevin Moynihan	Robert L. & Simone B. Jusseaume Moynihan
18	Susan Marie Buckley	Francis & Elizabeth Crowninshield Buckley
25	John Leslie Horton	Paul S. & Patricia Synan Horton
MARCH		
6	Dale Rose Botelho	Louis E. & Lillian Carpenter Botelho
9	William Francis Delaney, Jr.	William F. & Lorraine R. Vital Delaney
24	Michael Joseph Wheaton	Charles E. & Irene F. Azevedo Wheaton
31	Cynthia Ann Bleau	Conrad & Mary T. Corey Bleau
APRIL		
1	Debra Ann Cottrell	Jeremiah F. & Janice E. Heineman Cottrell
6	Dorothy Ann Cummings	Kenneth W. & Rose Marie Goulart Cummings
7	Deborah Ann Ross	William J. & Elsa Hanselman Ross
15	Wayne William Robinson	Frederick A. & Dorothy L. Park Robinson
24	William Leonard Taylor	Gerald E. & Barbara A. Shanley Taylor
28	Jeffrey Charles Bryant	Lincoln L. & Lucille A. Fisher Bryant
29	Gregory Brian Rodriques	Jose & Jessie Whitmore Rodriques
MAY		
3	Mahlon Simmons Booth	Mahlon E. & Carolyn M. Simmons Booth
4	Craig Lowe	Roger R. & Jill Liddle Lowe
11	Nancy Clifford	Thomas T. & Margaret M. Clemmey Clifford
19	Robin Patricia Conroy	Kenneth P., Jr. & Yvette Bienvenue Conroy, Jr.
20	Kathleen Frances Vaz	Alfred J. & Helen L. Bennett Vaz
20	Gary Thomas Sherman	Thomas C. & Barbara Lincoln Sherman
21	Betty Ann Jones	Phillip W. & June Ferreira Jones
23	Mary Josephine Strang	Wilbur H. & Margaret M. Knaide Strang
JUNE		
7	Donna Marie Costa	William & Gladys M. Bragg Costa
14	Kirk Paul Vermilyea	Robert K. & Josephine Cicchetti Vermilyea

14	John Ferguson Usher III	John F., Jr. & Margaret M. Sanborn Usher
18	Thomas Alan Sherman	Robert F. & Thelma L. Perry Sherman
20	Robert Francis Dumont	Robert & Mary M. Gamach Dumont
26	Donna Lisa Compos	Antone & Helen Sykes Compos
27	Nancy Elaine Holt	Herbert & Lily Dyke Holt
27	Ann Marie Neville	John R. & Amelia Reis Neville

JULY

8	Russell James McKay	James G. & Margaret E. Fletcher McKay
16	Jerome Coelho	Joseph A. & Jean Brady Coelho
16	Jean Coelho	Joseph A. & Jean Brady Coelho
17	Sheila Carol Roane	James P. H. & Rita Mary Owens Roane
18	Joan LaFrance	Norman Aurele & Joan Doherty LaFrance
19	Stephan Allan Alves	Arthur I. & Angelina Medeiros Alves
24	Lynda Meredith Sousa	Bernard F. & Betsey A. Lane Sousa
25	Shelley Ann Costa	Edwin R. & Patricia A. Donlon Costa
26	Michelle Marie Francis	Manuel L. & Mary Dutra Francis
27	Paul Richard Callahan	William P. & Dorothy Walsh Callahan
28	Nancy Travers	Joseph & Hilda Pacheco Travers
28	David Shayne Horton	David P. & Olivia Reposa Horton

AUGUST

1	Melissa Sue Menges	Wilbur S. & Nina B. Wilcox Menges
10	Jo Ann Disbrow	John S. & Joyce E. Stanford Disbrow
16	Sheryle Lynn Martin	Robert & Marilyn Masse Martin
19	Christine Ferreira	Francis & Isabelle F. Andrade Ferreira
21	Peter Joseph Duffy	Leo & Florence A. Sousa Duffy
30	Debra Jean Steele	Vernon H. & Marie E. Latimer Steele
31	Deirde Ann Dionne	Joseph R. & Margaret E. Callery Dionne

SEPTEMBER

4	Kerry Paul Hayes	Allen S. & Betty Ann McLaughlin Hayes
10	Barbara Ann Dickerson	Robert B. & Sally V. Pierce Dickerson
11	Jo Ann Vincent	Joseph & Catherine E. Smith Vincent
14	Barbara Anne Simmons	Richard F. & Barbara A. McElroy Simmons
15	Peter Scott Bussey	John D. & Madelyn Bosworth Bussey
16	Linda Jean Waterman	John L. & Clara E. Hayes Waterman
21	Paula Jean Hoffshire	Paul J. & Carol E. Duhamel Hoffshire
21	William Mario D'Allesandro	William A. & Priscilla Robinson D'Allesandro
23	Edward Alden Gustafson	Edward A. & Barbara M. Denbow Gustafson
24	Beverly Ann Duarte	William & Lorraine M. Motta Duarte
24	Susan Elizabeth Costa	Roger S. & Helen E. Lavoie Costa
26	Jill Baxter-Green	Harry & Jeane L. Martin Baxter-Green
28	Jeffrey Victor Pavao	Joseph F. & Silvana Alves Pavao
28	Paula Jean Lopes	Gilbert & Anita Charron Lopes

OCTOBER

5	Joan Marie Meunier	Nelson C. & Shirley M. O'Connell Meunier
13	Clifford Joseph Heagney	Walter J. & Bernice M. Horton Heagney
17	Joyce Benevides	William F. & Gladys R. Cambra Benevides
28	Kimberly Wilma Chapman	Robert B. & Thea Boehm Chapman
29	Donna Marie Perry	George A. & Mary M. Rose Perry

NOVEMBER

17	Wendy Ann St. Pierre	Donald L. & Doris Silvia St. Pierre
19	Virginia Anne Adams	William J. & Cornelia Duffy Adams
22	Thomas Francis Rose	Thomas F. & Anne M. Bennett Rose

DECEMBER

5	Diane Marie Torres	Francis J. & Dorothy B. Torres
21	Paula Regina Fleck	Joseph W. & Shirley M. Bennett Fleck
22	Roxanne Louise Campbell	William E. & Evelyn M. Littlefield Campbell

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON
1957**

JANUARY

- 5 Duncan George Emack of Center Ossipee, N. H. and Frances Phillips of Dighton.
- 5 Guire Babbitt of Berkley and Alberta C. Motta of Dighton.
- 5 Carlton Lewin Brown of Dighton and Helen Abare Frohlich of Needham.
- 19 Edwin R. Costa of Dighton and Patricia Ann Donlen of Dighton.
- 26 Albert Tavers of Dighton and Dolores Andrade of Taunton.

FEBRUARY

- 1 Walter P. Macomber of Taunton and Madelyn Burke of Taunton.
- 9 George G. Child of Warren, R. I. and Emily Tavares Swisher of Dighton.
- 23 James P. Carvalho of Dighton and Maureen E. Dwyer of Fall River.

MARCH

- 2 Manuel White of Dighton and Helen Lawry Jack of Dighton.
- 2 Alfred J. Silvia of Dighton and Celia P. Ciaglo of Taunton.

APRIL

- 6 Darrell C. Fields of Warner Robins, Ga. and Sona Kherlopian of Dighton.
- 27 Lloyd William Brown of Dighton and Hilda M. Ferreira of Dighton.
- 27 Joseph Sylvester White of Taunton and Teresa Davis of Dighton.

MAY

- 11 John Francis Leddy of Dighton and Catherine Joan Powers of Taunton.
- 18 Edward H. Rose of Berkley and Anna Mae Perry of Dighton.
- 25 Louis Carpenter of Dighton and Theresa Mary Ellison of Fairhaven.
- 25 Harold F. Greiner of Cranston, R. I. and Kristina J. Riley of East Providence, R. I.

JUNE

- 1 Francis Joseph Donlon of Dighton and Dorothy Eva Carreia of Taunton.
- 1 Richard W. Oldmixon of Dighton and Virginia Jeanette Shove of Dighton.
- 1 Richard Arthur King of Taunton and Shirley Ann Ferreira of Dighton.
- 5 Jackie Eugene Dennison of Wallace, W. Va. and Olga Joyce Silvia of Dighton.
- 15 Kenneth Braley Rose of Dighton and Shirley Ann Horton of Dighton.
- 22 David Somers Murdock of Quincy and Bette Jean Adams of Dighton.
- 29 Ralph Morris of Dighton and Carol DeArruda of Middleboro.
- 29 John Yanak of Mattapoisett and Marilyn S. McCarthy of Dighton.
- 29 John A. Donlon of Dighton and Joyce Westgate of Taunton.
- 29 Robert DeArruda of Dighton and Patricia Stetson of Berkley.

JULY

- 6 Peter Jacob Jansen of Jamaica, N. Y. and Winifred Anne Mosher of Dighton.
- 13 Thomas Michael Ashley of Lakeville and Pauline Ann Medeiros of Dighton.
- 19 John C. Torres, Jr. of Somerset and Judith M. Atwood of Dighton.

- 20 David Elwood Williams of Dighton and Doris M. Kichham of Boston.
- 20 Frank F. O'Brien of Fall River and Carol M. Campbell of Dighton.

AUGUST

- 10 Joseph Carvalho, Jr. of Dighton and Olive S. Frizado of Berkley.
- 10 Edward Linhares of Taunton and Marion Talbot Simmons of Dighton.
- 17 Richard Kelley Martin of Dighton and Nancy Claire Regan of Taunton.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 William H. Knott of Dighton and Albina M. Gagnon of Fall River.
- 2 Edward F. Rose of Dighton and Janet A. Cipriani of Mansfield.
- 7 Ronald J. Furtado of Fall River and Veronica Silvia of Dighton.
- 14 Robert A. Hay of Dighton and Lucille C. Costa of Dighton.
- 14 Russell Simonds of Dighton and Madeline Simmons of Dighton.
- 21 William Baxter-Green of Dighton and Carolyn M. Rogers of Taunton.
- 28 Leonard Oliver of Somerset and Alice May Costa of Dighton.
- 28 John B. Williams, Jr. of Somerset and Elizabeth Mary Wilkinson of Somerset.
- 29 Earl J. Russell of Little Hocking, Ohio and Judith I. Clapp of Dighton.

OCTOBER

- 5 Manuel R. Dias of Dighton and Carol A. Gauthier of Somerset.
- 12 David A. French of Dighton and Barbara E. Woodis of East Freetown.

- 12 William F. Kingsland of Dighton and Mary Jane Mello of Dighton.
- 19 Andrew E. Richard of Mansfield and Caroline Viveiros of Dighton.
- 25 Richard Lee Henry of Harrington, Del. and Loris Norma Thayer Frost of Dighton.
- 26 Louis Costa of Dighton and Patricia Cornell of Lakeville.

NOVEMBER

- 28 Edward F. Nichols of Taunton and Lucille P. Menard of Dighton.
- 30 Charles Marsden Gilbert, Jr. of Dighton and Joan Lois Rounds of Taunton.

DECEMBER

- 6 Lorenzo Bove of Johnston, R. I. and Barbara Fitzgerald of Providence, R. I.
- 11 William H. Paige of Provincetown, Mass. and Florence Grassie Ballou of Dighton.
- 28 Paul Hatheway Terry of Fall River and Phyllis Jane Bowden of Dighton.

DEATHS RECORDED DURING 1957

Date	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
JANUARY				
8	Harry S. Hathaway	89	5	9
15	Rosa (Pereira) Lawrence	77		
17	Florence E. (Kanuse) Knott	79	2	16
26	Roy F. Walker	64	11	6
FEBRUARY				
22	Mary (Morris) Cambra	66	1	23
23	Herbert H. Leonard	68		
24	Renne Sawyer	65	6	
MARCH				
4	Mary (O'Brien) Leonard	85		
8	Forrest Nelson Horton	52	11	19
11	Charles Clifford Hooghkirk	83	2	26
APRIL				
11	Adolphe Baer	69	2	16
MAY				
4	Lyndon Erle Hathaway	68	7	26
9	Emma (Goulart) Oliver	78		
9	Maria Rosa (Medeiros) Roderick	83		
18	Arthur R. Valoze	32	3	25
21	Agnes Murray	74	5	21
24	Margaret A. Greenhalge	91	2	12
29	Frank Perry Silvia	52	2	6
JUNE				
2	Frank Clifford Horton	76	8	29
8	John Joseph Cash	43	8	4
9	Charles F. Gagnon	79		
14	Ernest J. Rodier	76		
17	Alice (Wood) Norris	86	3	1

JULY

2	Harriet (Moore) Keach	72		5
11	Mary E. (Dutra) Sylvia	58	9	2
16	J. W. LeRoy Latimer	65	3	3

AUGUST

9	Elliott Douglas Cole	61	2	6
17	Manuel S. DeMello, Jr.	63		
20	Helen (Martell) Boothby	62	3	5
31	Thomas Dreghorn	53	7	13

SEPTEMBER

1	Antone Sylvia Rose	73	1	29
13	Mary Rose	90		
20	Dennis R. Perry	50	7	19
21	Fortunato DeCesare	54		
24	Albert F. Wheeler	83	10	29
25	Manuel Enos Martin	86	7	9

OCTOBER

11	Clara Luther	76	9	
29	Mary E. (Owens) McCarthy	69		
30	Joseph Miguel, Sr.	74		

NOVEMBER

10	Charles Kingsland	78	2	2
10	Charles S. Lewis	75	2	9

REPORT OF CEMETERY FUND

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/56	Interest in 1957	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/57
Harriet M. Briggs.....	\$200.00	\$228.54	\$6.61	\$235.15	\$0.00	\$235.15
Submit Babbitt.....	50.00	58.54	1.76	60.30	1.00	59.30
Mary J. Briggs	100.00	132.42	3.99	136.41	3.00	133.41
Edgar A. Essex.....	200.00	231.86	6.71	238.57	3.00	235.57
Ebenezer Gay.....	50.00	54.97	1.64	56.61	1.00	55.61
William D. Goff.....	100.00	118.49	3.57	122.06	2.00	120.06
Bliss—Arthur A. Hathaway.....	200.00	226.31	6.55	232.86	4.00	228.86
Nancy C. Jones	150.00	172.86	5.00	177.86	3.00	174.86
Dr. A. J. Smith.....	150.00	182.37	4.58	186.95	4.00	182.95
Martha L. Smith.....	50.00	52.48	1.41	53.79	1.00	52.89
Oliver P. Simmons.....	721.00	721.00	21.79	742.79	21.79	721.00
Sarah Babbitt.....	100.00	218.15	6.32	224.47	7.00	217.47
Joseph Gooding.....	142.75	180.67	5.45	186.12	6.00	180.12
Josephine G. Thaxter.....	100.00	118.39	3.42	121.81	3.50	118.31
William Walker.....	250.00	274.39	8.28	282.67	19.50	263.17
Jesse P. Goff.....	100.00	101.88	2.94	104.82	1.00	103.82
George H. Horton.....	100.00	189.82	5.48	195.30	11.50	183.80
E. & J. Lincoln.....	200.00	216.58	6.26	222.84	6.00	216.84
Gilbert Strange.....	200.00	201.63	5.82	207.45	2.00	205.45
Josiah R. Talbot.....	100.00	157.33	4.75	162.08	0.00	162.08

CEMETERY FUNDS—continued

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/56	Interest in 1957	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/57
Emery White.....	100.00	105.82	3.05	108.87	2.00	106.87
Emeline Williams.....	100.00	101.80	3.07	104.87	1.00	103.87
Charles E. Carr.....	500.00	519.90	15.05	534.95	12.00	522.95
N. Allen Walker.....	150.98	278.53	8.40	286.93	8.00	278.93
Briggs Lot.....	125.00	189.35	5.72	195.07	15.00	180.07
Joshua Bliss.....	5000.00	5409.34	156.62	5565.96	116.00	5449.96
Bliss—Westcoat.....	200.00	224.95	6.50	231.45	2.50	228.95
David W. Francis.....	100.00	134.44	4.05	138.49	2.50	135.99
Albert F. Goff.....	50.00	56.08	1.40	57.48	0.00	57.48
Elbridge G. Francis.....	200.00	223.44	6.46	229.90	4.00	225.90
George E. Francis.....	100.00	175.92	5.30	181.22	4.00	177.22
Benjamin F. Goff.....	100.00	140.12	4.06	144.18	3.00	141.18
Emerson W. Goff.....	100.00	123.93	3.73	127.66	3.00	124.66
Ephira Goff.....	100.00	118.31	3.41	121.72	2.00	119.72
Truman N. Goff.....	100.00	138.97	4.00	142.97	2.50	140.47
Zenas H. Goff.....	200.00	253.67	7.66	261.33	5.00	256.33
John H. Harlow.....	100.00	112.00	3.24	115.24	2.00	113.24
Alfred A. Horton.....	100.00	111.79	3.23	115.02	3.00	112.02
John H. Horton.....	100.00	114.96	3.45	118.41	3.00	115.41
Nelson Horton.....	100.00	165.73	4.79	170.52	3.00	167.52

Job Paull	100.00	125.80	3.79	129.59	0.00	129.59
Robert S. Waterman.....	100.00	121.71	3.67	125.38	3.00	122.38
Etta Westcott.....	100.00	109.42	3.15	112.57	0.00	112.57
Westcott & McNally.....	200.00	211.87	5.32	217.19	5.00	212.19
Francis J. Wheeler.....	100.00	123.50	3.73	127.23	2.00	125.23
Shubel Wheeler.....	100.00	110.53	2.77	113.30	2.00	111.30
Thomas B. Witherell.....	100.00	127.51	3.69	131.20	3.00	128.20
Helen C. Briggs.....	75.00	82.77	2.38	85.15	3.00	82.15
Sylvanus Jones.....	100.00	189.05	5.47	194.52	9.00	185.52
Nathan Walker.....	100.00	101.68	3.07	104.75	2.00	102.75
Wendell Weed.....	100.00	118.58	3.57	122.15	4.00	118.15
Williams Lot.....	100.00	182.35	5.51	187.86	4.00	183.86

JURY LIST — 1957 - 1958

Name	Occupation	Address	Post Office
Andrews, William	Soil Conservation	Wellington St.	No. Dighton
Baer, Lucy A.	At Home	116 School St.	No. Dighton
Bradshaw, Charles T.	Retired	Walker St.	No. Dighton
Bullard, Leland F.	Self-employed Painter	Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Catabia, Louise	Electronics Worker	Williams St.	No. Dighton
Cobb, John	Jewelry Supervisor	108 Cedar St.	Dighton
DeMello, Manuel S.	Farmer	School Lane	Dighton
Denbow, Sherlock W.	Farmer	Williams St.	Dighton
DeSantos, Edgar	Clerk	Pleasant St.	Dighton
Dever, Joseph	Realtor	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Doraz, Anthony	Caretaker	55 Forest St.	No. Dighton
Dutra, Seth	Farmer	Muddy Cove Lane	Dighton
Eliason, Clarence J.	District Manager	Wellington St.	Dighton
Fisher, Alfred	Farmer	Elm St.	Dighton
Follett, Elsa	Secretary	Williams St.	No. Dighton
French, Charles	Retired	Center St.	Dighton
Goff, Beryl	At Home	Hart St.	Dighton
Harris, Charles W.	Self-employed Salesman	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Hathaway, Ora	Housewife	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Hopkins, Priscilla M.	Tester	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Horton, Hazel W.	Housewife	Williams St.	No. Dighton
Maltais, Philip	Caretaker	Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
McCarthy, Helen S.	Housewife	36 Bedford St.	No. Dighton
McCarthy, William K., Jr.	Advertising Solicitor	36 Bedford St.	No. Dighton
McCarthy, William K., Sr.	Salesman	36 Bedford St.	No. Dighton
Paul, Margaret B.	Housewife	Williams St.	No. Dighton
Pires, John	Farmer	Main St.	Dighton
Pivirotto, Leo	Salesman	Spring St.	No. Dighton
Rebello, Fred	Retired	Forest St.	No. Dighton
Robinson, H. Judson	Self-employed	Center St.	Segreganset
Sample, Joseph	Carpenter	Wellington St.	No. Dighton
Shaw, Benjamin	Self-employed	Water St.	Dighton
Sherrington, Anna C.	Housewife	53 Chase St.	No. Dighton
Sherrington, Harold	Salesman	53 Chase St.	No. Dighton
Simmons, Anna C.	Housewife	Lincoln Ave.	No. Dighton
Smith, John	Truck Driver & Laborer	Winthrop St.	Dighton
Stonstrom, Doris	Billing Clerk	Williams St.	No. Dighton
Sweet, Marion	Housewife	Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Willis, Harry F.	Maintenance Foreman	1 Forest St.	No. Dighton
Wyeth, Edwin R.	Retired	Center St.	Segreganset

JURORS DRAWN DURING 1957

January 9, 1957

Josephine Lassen, Pleasant St., Dighton, At Home.

George Phillips, Williams St., No. Dighton, Power Sales Engineer.

Charles Leonard, Lincoln Ave., No. Dighton, Retired.

March 6, 1957

Catherine R. Ingham, 110 School St., No. Dighton, At Home.

March 11, 1957

Anna J. Hay, County St., Dighton, Practical Nurse.

Hazel Reed, Pleasant St., Dighton, At Home.

April 1, 1957

Helen H. Tuttle, Williams St., No. Dighton, At Home.

Elliot D. Cole, Pleasant St., Dighton, Retired.

April 3, 1957

Jean A. Knox, Hart St., Dighton, At Home.

William E. Somerville, Chase St., No. Dighton, Retired.

May 8, 1957

Myrtle Wilson, Pleasant St., Dighton, Bank Teller.

Kathleen F. Menard, School St., No. Dighton, At Home.

Albert Chamberlain, Main St., Dighton, Warehouse Foreman.

August 7, 1957

John Smith, Winthrop St., No. Dighton, Truck Driver & Laborer.

August 14, 1957

Joseph Dever, Somerset Ave., No. Dighton, Realtor.

September 4, 1957

Edgar DeSantos, Pleasant St., Dighton, Clerk.

October 9, 1957

Leo Pivirotto, Spring St., No. Dighton, Salesman.

Lucy A. Baer, 116 School St., No. Dighton, At Home.

October 30, 1957

Joseph Sample, Wellington St., No. Dighton, Carpenter.

Edwin R. Wyeth, Center St., Segreganset, Retired.

December 11, 1957

Benjamin Shaw, Water St., Dighton, Self-employed.

REPORT OF THE MOTHS SUPERINTENDENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

The trees in Town have been sprayed twice for Dutch Elm Disease, and all trees with Dutch Elm Disease to date have been removed as ordered by the State under the supervision of the Moth Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. ROSE,
Moth Superintendent

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Our annual report to the citizens of Dighton for the year 1957 is as follows:

Appropriations

To be raised by taxation	\$427,945.53	
To be transferred from available funds	66,570.76	
State taxes: Audit and State parks	2,402.40	
County tax	13,493.41	
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	7,237.55	
Underestimates of 1956	1,466.42	
Overlay	12,946.24	
Amount to be raised		\$532,062.31

Estimated Receipts

Income tax	\$46,798.22
Corporation tax	33,016.00
Old Age tax (Meals)	1,024.48
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	33,390.24
Licenses	2,802.87
Fines	89.30
General Government	31.40
Health and Sanitation	66.00
Charities	5,236.89
Old Age Assistance	18,715.72
Veterans' Services	1,546.20
Schools	59,206.34
State Assistance for School Construction	11,792.02
Farm Animal Excise	238.69
Overestimates of 1956	275.57

Transferred from available funds	66,570.76	
Total Estimated Receipts		<u>\$280,800.70</u>
Amount to be raised by taxes		\$251,261.61

Number of Polis—1059

Taxes assessed on Polls		\$2,118.00	
Value of Personal Property	\$512,843.50		
Taxes assessed on Personal		27,693.55	
Value of Real Estate	4,100,927.00		
Taxes assessed on Real Estate		<u>221,450.06</u>	
Total Valuation and Taxes	<u>\$4,613,770.50</u>		\$251,261.61

Tax Rate—\$54.00 per M

Total number of real and personal assessments	1,116
Number of acres of land assessed	12,396
Number of dwelling houses assessed	888
Number of businesses assessed	51
Value of exempt property	\$1,964,444.00
Stock in trade	26,525.00
Machinery	28,700.00
Live Stock	6,577.50
Other tangible personal property	451,041.00
Value of land exclusive of buildings	672,560.00
Value of buildings exclusive of land	3,428,367.00
Number of horses	5
Number of cattle	284
Number of swine	50
Number of sheep	61
Number of fowl	14,760

Assessed value of motor vehicles and trailers	\$686,690.00
Total taxes assessed on motor vehicles and trailers	\$36,536.08

Dighton Electric Light District

Appropriations	\$3,697.50	
Overlay	171.99	
Amount to be raised		\$3,869.49
Estimated receipts	None	
Net amount to be raised		3,869.49
Value of Personal	\$ 304,522.50	
Assessed taxes on Personal	654.86	
Value of Real Estate	1,494,860.00	
Assessed taxes on Real Estate	3,214.63	
Total valuation and taxes	\$1,799,412.50	\$3,869.49
Tax Rate—\$2.15 per M		

Dighton Water District

Appropriations	\$42,888.36	
Transferred from available funds	12,009.82	
Overlay	1,177.72	
Amount to be raised		\$56,075.90
Estimated Receipts	19,900.00	
Transferred from available funds	12,009.82	\$31,909.82
Net amount to be raised		\$24,166.08
Value of Personal	\$ 312,757.50	
Assessed taxes on Personal	3,831.35	
Value of Real Estate	1,659,915.00	
Assessed taxes on Real Estate	20,334.73	
Total valuation and taxes	\$1,972,672.50	\$24,166.08
Water Liens added to taxes		1,051.96
Tax Rate—\$12.25 per M		

North Dighton Fire District

Appropriations	\$19,901.00	
Transferred from available funds	3,210.50	
State Audit	184.61	
Overlay	537.38	
Amount to be raised		\$23,833.49
Estimated Receipts	\$13,136.80	
Transferred from available funds	3,210.50	\$16,347.30
Net amount to be raised		\$ 7,486.19
Value of Personal	\$ 29,175.00	
Assessed taxes		
on Personal	145.88	
Value of Real Estate	1,468,047.00	
Assessed taxes		
on Real Estate	7,340.31	
Total valuation		
and taxes	\$1,497,222.00	\$ 7,486.19
Water Liens added to taxes		139.84

Tax Rate—\$5.00 per M

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. MENDOZA, Chairman,
 RAYMOND A. HORTON,
 HOWELL S. CARR,
 Board of Assessors

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Personal Property						
Outstanding December 1956	\$81.06	\$77.70	\$199.68	\$57.84	\$618.84	\$27,693.55
Commitment						
Added Interest		.10	4.05		8.95	.67
Total	81.06	77.80	203.73	57.84	627.79	27,694.22
Paid Treasurer		1.13	61.66		436.39	27,349.20
Abatements	81.06	76.67	86.72			16.74
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1957			55.35	57.84	191.40	328.28
Total	81.06	77.80	203.73	57.84	627.79	27,694.22
Real Estate						
Outstanding December 1956				1,730.67	37,877.50	221,725.46
Commitment						
Added Interest				106.51	515.04	27.54
Refunded						108.00
Total				1,837.18	38,392.54	221,861.00
Paid Treasurer				1,775.98	36,337.26	186,329.24
Abatements				46.80	1.20	4,631.85

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Tax Title Account						
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1957				14.40	14.40	222.48
					2,039.68	30,677.43
Total				1,837.18	38,392.54	221,861.00
Poll Taxes						
Outstanding December 1956			4.00	8.00	34.00	
Commitment						2,118.00
Added Interest			.08	.20	.40	.50
Refunded						2.00
Total			4.08	8.20	34.40	2,120.50
Paid Treasurer			2.08	6.20	18.40	1,754.50
Abatements			2.00	2.00	16.00	340.00
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1957						26.00
Total			4.08	8.20	34.40	2,120.50
Farm Animal Excise						
Commitment						238.69
Added Interest						.27
Total						238.96

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	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Paid Treasurer						
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1957						221.65
						17.31
Total						<u>238.96</u>

Motor Vehicle Excise						
Outstanding December 1956					6,403.48	
Commitment					7,841.64	36,536.08
Added Interest				7.07	32.70	2.65
Refunded					152.89	545.36
Total				<u>243.22</u>	<u>14,430.71</u>	<u>37,084.09</u>
Paid Treasurer				135.79	13,323.97	29,225.43
Abatements				107.43	464.29	1,804.35
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1957					642.45	6,054.31
Total				<u>243.22</u>	<u>14,430.71</u>	<u>37,084.09</u>

Dighton Electric Light District						
Personal						
Outstanding December 1956					14.22	
Commitment						654.86
Added Interest					.08	
Total					<u>14.30</u>	<u>654.86</u>

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Paid Treasurer						
Abatements					6.84	648.88
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1957					7.46	5.98
Total					14.30	654.86
Real Estate						
Outstanding December 1956		15.50		119.86		3,214.63
Commitment						
Added Interest		.95		2.33		.18
Total		16.45		122.19		3,214.81
Paid Treasurer						
Abatements		15.80		91.74		3,077.27
Tax Title Account		.65		.68		.21
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1957				29.77		1.30
Total		16.45		122.19		136.03
						3,214.81
Dighton Water District						
Personal						
Outstanding December 1956		13.69		65.87		3,831.35
Commitment						
Added Interest				.31		.11
Total		13.69		66.18		3,831.46

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	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Paid Treasurer Abatements					22.31	3,785.45
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1957				13.69	43.87	46.01
Total				13.69	66.18	3,831.46
Real Estate						
Outstanding December 1956				205.64	705.30	20,334.73
Commitment						
Added Interest				14.48	12.55	1.96
Total				220.12	717.85	20,336.69
Paid Treasurer Abatements						
Tax Title Account				3.75	3.30	40.43
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1957				216.37	214.50	9.82
Total				220.12	1,003.91	20,336.69
Water Lien						
Outstanding December 1956					382.80	1,051.96
Commitment						
Added Interest					13.18	
Total					395.98	1,051.96

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1957						
Total				<u>38.76</u>	<u>60.36</u>	<u>287.25</u>
				2,872.11		7,340.48
Water Lien						
Commitment						
Total						<u>139.84</u>
						<u>139.84</u>
Paid Treasurer						51.30
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1957						<u>88.54</u>
Total						<u>139.84</u>

Respectfully submitted,
PERCY B. SIMMONS,
Tax Collector

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Superintendent of Streets:

General Account

Superintendent of Streets	\$ 240.00
Beacons	178.00
Snow Plowing & Sanding	2,784.10
Various Streets, Miscellaneous	4,439.77
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	\$7,641.87

Road Machinery Acct.

Equipment, Gas, Oil, Miscellaneous	\$3,879.59
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Chapter 90—Spring St. Bridge & Approaches

Spring St. Bridge & Approaches	\$59,411.28
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Chapter 90—Maintenance

Williams St.	\$5,068.66
Center St.	31.25
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	\$5,099.91

Chapter 90—Dighton-Berkley Bridge

Advertisements	\$ 12.89
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Chapter 90—Williams St.

Williams St.	\$ 1.50
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Chapter 90—Elm St.

Elm St.	\$ 44.10
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Gravel Roads

Baylies St.	\$1,234.04
Prospect St.	1,601.17
Brook St.	4,408.15
Milk St.	1,881.45
Pine St.	1,127.20
Main St.	173.00
Elm St.	819.83
Muddy Cove Lane	228.98
Center St.	399.50
Williams St.	312.00
Summer St.	473.20
Spring St.	196.83
Oak St.	306.71
Chase St.	71.60
Lincoln Ave.	203.80
Horton St.	204.00
Walker St.	43.20
School Lane	224.00
Smith St.	52.00
Various Sts., Miscellaneous	1,836.22
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	\$15,796.88

Chapter 81

Baylies St.	\$ 150.00
Brook St.	557.03
Cedar St.	521.78
Center St.	767.11
Chase St.	74.35
Chase Ave.	80.20
Cobbs Lane	59.45
Elm St.	3,670.20
Forest St.	933.22
Hart St.	383.70
Horton St.	6,673.67
Main St.	364.80
Maple St.	58.05
Middle St.	118.80

Oak St.	1,994.62
Park St.	111.90
Pleasant St.	72.75
Prospect St.	94.60
School Lane	211.00
Smith St.	157.00
Spring St.	247.37
Summer St.	429.57
Tremont St.	868.69
Wellington St.	252.32
Wheeler St.	238.30
Williams St.	1,320.29
Various Sts., Miscellaneous	439.84
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	\$20,850.61

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. GOFF,

Superintendent of Streets

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen:

Herewith is my report as Tree Warden for the year 1957.

I have made inspections with the Hixon Tree Company, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Fall River Electric Light Company.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. GOFF,

Tree Warden

REPORT OF DIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the report for the Dighton Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1957.

The Department received 151 calls as follows:

Type	Number
Automobile	3
Automobile Accident	1
Barn	4
Brush	12
Chimney	10
Church	1
Cold Frame	1
Defective Wiring	2
Dump	47
Electric Motor	2
False Alarm	11
Flooded Oil Burner	1
Fruit Stand	2
Grass	18
House	6
Leaking Gas	1
Locked Door	1
Needless Call	1
Rubbish	6
Sawdust	1
Shed	2
Slabs	1
Television Set	1
Tractor	1
Transformer	1
Wash Road	1
Woods	12
Wood (Piled)	1

Mutual Aid to:

Berkley Fire Dept.	1
Freetown Fire Dept.	2
Rehoboth Fire Dept.	1
Taunton Fire Dept	3
Swansea Fire Dept.	2

Mutual Aid from:

Somerset Fire Dept.	1
Rehoboth Fire Dept.	1
Taunton Fire Dept.	1
Department of Conservation	1

The following are approximate figures on the amount of water pumped, hose laid and ladders raised:

397,660 gallons of water
 11,800 ft. Booster hose
 14,400 ft. Forestry hose
 9,300 ft. 1½" hose
 8,500 ft. 2½" hose
 346 ft. Ladders

Permits issued:

Bottled Gas	12
Dynamite	1
Oil Burners	48

On January 23, a break in the water main occurred at the bridge under construction on Elm Street. Fire Department radios were used for communications, a generator was used for light throughout the night.

On January 24, Engine #2 pumped water from the Somerset hydrant on County Street into the Dighton Water system hydrant at the corner of Main and County Streets for 5½ hours.

On April 22, a bad forest fire broke out at the corner of Pine and Brook Streets, which was brought under control in about 5 hours, with the loss of about 60 acres.

In early October, a 1750 gallon tank truck was purchased. This truck was used to supply water to a great number of townspeople during the bad dry conditions. Firefighters of the North Station donated their time to drive and deliver water through the town until December 24, 1957.

Drills on various phases of fire fighting were held monthly and were well attended.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Town Officials and the Citizens of the Town for their assistance and fine cooperation in keeping the fire losses down during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. HATHAWAY,
Chief of Dighton Fire Dept.
and Forest Warden.

REPORT OF DIGHTON AMBULANCE

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the report for the Dighton Ambulance for the year ending December 31, 1957.

During the year the Ambulance made 58 trips as follows:

To	Bristol County Hospital, Attleboro	1
	General Hospital, Fall River	1
	Goddard Clinic, Brockton	1
	Morton Hospital, Taunton	27
	Nursing Homes, Taunton	5
	Taunton State Hospital	2
	Truesdale Hospital, Fall River	4
	Union Hospital, Fall River	1
	Veterans' Hospital, Providence	3
	Call for oxygen	1
From	Morton Hospital, Taunton	8
	Calls—not needed	4
	Patients handled	61
	Automobile accident	1
	Occupational accident	1
	Resuscitator used	4

I wish to thank the Officers and members of the Dighton Fire Department who have so willingly manned the Ambulance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. HATHAWAY,
Chief, Dighton Fire Dept.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report of the Police Department for the year 1957:

Arrests made by the State Police in Dighton during the year:

	Male
Oper. Unregistered M. V.	2
Oper. Uninsured M. V.	2
Indecent A. & B. on child under 14	1
Speeding	3
Throwing rubbish on highway	1
Passing with view obstructed	1
Negligence in placing poison in the open	1
Assault by means of D. W.	2
Failure to keep right of center of road	1
Statutory rape	1
Using M. V. w/o authority	4
Larceny of M. V.	1
Breaking, Entering & Larceny (Night)	3
Oper. w/o license in possession	1
Oper. w/o registration in possession	1
Attaching plates	1
Oper. after suspension	1
Oper. to endanger	2
Oper. under influence	2
Drunk	2
Allowing improper person to operate	1
Carrying gun w/o permit	1

Arrests made by the Dighton Police Department:

Operating to endanger	2
Using M. V. w/o authority	2
Drunk	1
Breaking, Entering, & Larceny (Night)	3

Assault by means of D. W.	3
Incest	1
Non-support	3
Del. Child	1
Oper. w/o license	1
Carrying gun w/o permit	1
Drunk four H.R.	4
Complaints received and investigated	254
Requests received and taken care of	136
Automobile accidents	40
Missing persons, all returned	9
Cruiser used as Ambulance	5
Summons served	26
Warrants served	11
Stolen Automobies recovered	2

My sincere appreciation is expressed to the State Police of the Rehoboth Barracks for their fine cooperation and assistance, and also to Inspector White and Inspector Bednarz of the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

The prevention of traffic accidents requires not only caution, but foresight as well. It is difficult for some people to realize that the only way to stop accidents is to take adequate preventive measures before the accident. Therefore, it is up to you to start earlier and drive slower.

I wish to thank the Reserve Officers for the efficient way they handled the different assignments throughout the year. I also wish to thank the citizens of our Town for the cooperation they have shown in maintaining Law and Order.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. MASON,
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

To the Townspeople of Dighton:

The Civil Defense accomplishment of this year was the completion of the Ground Observer Corps post atop the Veterans' Hall in North Dighton. The Observer Corps is now well equipped and trained for its job.

Three more mobile radios were purchased and installed and several smaller items of equipment were obtained through civil defense funds, as well as the maintenance of the present equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

STAFFORD H. HAMBLY,

Civil Defense Director for Dighton

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

To the Selectmen of the Town of Dighton:

We herewith submit our report for the year ending December 31, 1957.

Total circulation of books and magazines	10,921
Adult books	6,106
Juvenile books	4,188
Magazines	627
Number of persons using reading room	787
Collected in fines	\$39.87

Two hundred nine books were added during the year, eighteen being gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

HELENA CHAMBERLAIN,

EMILY C. PILLING,

Librarians

REPORT OF TOWN HISTORIAN

To the Board of Selectmen:

During the past year I have begun to select and organize material for a written history of Dighton. However, I still welcome additional information. Once again, I ask for an opportunity to inspect old deeds, letters, maps, account books and ships' logs.

I wish to express my appreciation to Mrs. Aguas of Berkley, who, by loaning me notebooks written by her father, Professor Edmund Delabarre, has given me considerable acquaintance with very old maps of the Taunton River Valley, as well as information about Dighton history.

Last year I suggested six goals for our 250th Anniversary in 1962. I will add one this year—the completion of a simple story of our town's history for use in our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN H. LANE,
Town Historian

REPORT OF HARBOR MASTER

To the Board of Selectmen:

The use of the harbor of Dighton for moorings, and the enjoyment of boating is still on the increase. If this rate continues, it will be increasingly difficult to locate a proper mooring site for all who apply.

The presence of the two barge hulks beached in our harbor area are still a source of concern to those living adjacent to, or using the harbor facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

ARNOLD B. SHAW,
Harbor Master

REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Dighton:

During the year 1957 your playground commissioners have:

1. Maintained a supervised playground in both the north and south ends of town during the summer months.
2. Had drinking facilities repaired in the north end playground and complete installations made in the south end playground.
3. Purchased new equipment for use at playgrounds and repaired and repainted equipment already on hand.
4. Made a study for the future enlargement of recreational facilities during the winter and summer months.

It is our wish that the people of the town, especially parents, show a greater interest in this program to allow it to help in preventing any problems of delinquency in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN COURCY, Chairman
EDWARD ANTUNES
RICHARD SIMMONS
Playground Commissioners

DOGS LICENSED IN 1957

The following dog licenses were issued in the year 1957:

Male	268
Female	31
Spayed Female	91
Kennels	8
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REPORT OF TOWN SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

To the Board of Selectmen of Dighton:

At the regular town meeting in 1957, \$500.00 was appropriated to purchase shade trees to be planted along the town highways.

Fifty sugar maples were purchased by the Tree Warden and set in different parts of the town by the Warden and his men. At the last check, forty six trees are still alive. Considering the drought of 1957, this is a good record.

We are recommending again this year an appropriation of \$500.00 to continue this project. We suggest two kinds of trees to be set this year—sugar maple and pin oak. We recommend that all the trees set in 1957 have an application of tree food.

We wish to thank all who have been interested in this Shade Tree Project.

TOWN SHADE TREE COMMITTEE:

DAVID A. MILLARD, Chairman,
WILLIAM ANDREWS,
LESTER M. BRIGGS,
HENRY L. BURT,
HENRY P. GOFF,
GORDON HIXON,
RAYMOND HORTON,
WILFRED A. HATHAWAY,
HAROLD O. WOODWARD.

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen:

Numerous complaints concerning dogs were received during the year. These complaints covered dogs lost, creating disturbances, annoying live stock, stray dogs and dead dogs in the streets.

Several notices were received of children that had been bitten by dogs.

The above complaints were taken care of to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. MEDEIROS,

Dog Officer

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1957.

I have tested, adjusted and sealed the following:

20 scales—7 adjusted.

4 weights.

14 automatic measuring devices—1 adjusted.

8 capacity measures.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. HATHAWAY,

Sealer of Weights and Measures

TREASURER'S REPORT

1957

Balance in Treasury December 31, 1956	\$118,542.37
Total Receipts in 1957	696,950.22
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	815,492.59
Selectmen's Warrants in 1957	663,222.94
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Balance in Treasury December 31, 1957	\$152,269.65

See Auditor's Report for detailed list of receipts and expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY B. SIMMONS,
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Selectmen:

On April 1, 1957 I was notified of my approval by Dr. Samuel B. Kirkwood, Commissioner of Public Health, of my appointment to the position of Inspector of Slaughtering for the Town of Dighton for the year ending March 31, 1958.

A report has been mailed to the Department of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts monthly.

I have not been called upon for any inspections and have nothing further to report.

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER M. BRIGGS,
Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Board of Selectmen:

The report of the Inspector of Animals for the year 1957 is as follows:

I visited and inspected 46 barns and found the following number of animals:

Cows	282
Heifers	80
Bulls	2
Horses	15
Steers	2
Sheep	87
Swine	54
Goats	1

The animals appeared healthy and the barns for the most part were clean. The inspection book has been mailed to the Division of Livestock Disease Control, 41 Tremont Street, Boston on December 30, 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER M. BRIGGS,
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF VETERANS' AGENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1957 is herewith submitted:

The Town Appropriation of \$5,000.00 was exceeded by \$519.16 for Veterans' Benefits, due to unusual medical expenses, and increased caseload.

Cases consisted of World War I—2 cases representing 3 persons, with expenditures of \$1,298.00. World War II—4 veterans and dependents, representing 15 persons were aided with expenses of \$3,519.21. Korean Veterans—2 cases representing 6 persons were assisted in the amount of \$386.95.

The sum of \$315.00 was spent for Administration purposes, therefore total expenditures amounted to \$5,519.16.

Reimbursements by the State Department for aid rendered amounted to \$2,302.64 and \$19.95 was received for emergency aid granted to 1 out-of-town settled case.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE BOUCHER,
Veterans' Agent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Dighton:

The Board of Health is pleased to note that with the exception of the short Asian Flu epidemic in October, no other epidemic of serious nature occurred during the year.

The Board extends its thanks to Mrs. Bowden and Dr. Souza for the completion of the Salk Vaccine Program and the Asian Flu Program, also.

During the summer season, this area and many others experienced a severe drouth that caused many wells to go dry—some that had never before been known to go dry.

To relieve the situation, the Board, with the assistance of the Fire Department and the men volunteering their services, made use of the tank truck recently purchased, to deliver water to those in need.

A schedule was set up with stops at various points so

the firemen could serve a number of people at each stop. This service continued until the wells filled up again with the fall rains.

A detailed report of the Health Department is covered in the report of the Town Nurse, whom we wish to thank for her co-operation in matters of this Department.

Respectfully submitted,

EARLE M. SMITH, Chairman,
WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES,
CLAYTON H. ATWOOD,
Board of Health

REPORT OF INSPECTOR FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Board of Selectmen
Dighton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The following is a report of the work done by me during the year 1957:

	Butter Fats	Bacteria Counts	Coliforms
January	20	20	20
February	19	19	14
March	14	14	14
April	22	22	22
May	20	20	12
June	22	22	22
July	12	12	12
August	15	15	15
September	24	24	24
October	29	29	29
November	20	20	20
December	15	15	15

The State Department of Public Health considers coliform counts very important to public health, therefore, I have run coliform counts on most samples. I have conducted follow-up investigations on all high bacteria counts.

All establishments selling or handling food in the Town of Dighton have been inspected. I have, in some cases, made suggestions as to different methods of storing and handling food products, and in all cases my recommendations have been carried out.

Nineteen new sewerage disposal systems have been inspected and approved.

Nuisance complaints which have been investigated by me have for the most part been abated.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY G. CRAPO

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

During the year 1957-1958, the Dighton Planning Board examined all plans referred to it. Since none of these plot plans required the approval of the Board, they were so endorsed, signed by a majority of the Board and returned to the interested parties.

The Dighton Planning Board is a member of the South-eastern Massachusetts conference of Planning Boards and has agreed to sponsor a booth at Brockton Fair representing the Town of Dighton in company with all other towns of Bristol County.

Respectfully submitted,

WILFRED A. HATHAWAY,

Chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of Dighton:

Public Assistance was granted to all eligible applicants and recipients who qualified for the various categories of relief in accordance with the State Standards. It is the intent of this department to insure equitable treatment to all applicants and recipients, which is accomplished by certain basic requirements that must be met.

Aid to Dependent Children category aided three cases, representing seven persons. The Town appropriation was \$4,000.00, with expenditures amounting to \$1,976.03, leaving a substantial balance of \$2,023.97. In addition to the Town expenditures, the sum of \$959.42 was expended from U. S. Grants, making total payments in this account of \$2,935.45.

Disability Assistance aided seven cases during the year. The sum of \$3,000.00 was appropriated by the Town, and expenditures amounted to \$1,678.46, leaving a balance of \$937.51 which was transferred to other categories that were overdrawn, and the sum of \$384.03 which was transferred to surplus. In addition to Town expenditures, the sum of \$2,484.19 was expended from available U. S. Grants, making total expenditures \$4,162.65.

Old Age Assistance aided 46 cases, with one transfer from Disability Assistance. The Town appropriation was \$28,500.00 with expenditures of \$27,498.04, leaving a balance in this account of \$1,001.96, which was transferred to surplus. U. S. Grants expenditures were \$19,668.60, making a total of \$47,165.80 for this category of relief. The sum of \$519.46, paid to other cities and towns for outside relief, is included in total. The amount of \$1,068.05 is entered in accounts receivable, to be reimbursed by other cities and towns, where settlements are involved.

General Relief aided 15 cases, representing 25 persons. The Town appropriation was \$6,500.00 and expenditures

amounted to \$8,942.32; account overdrawn \$2,442.32. Transfers were made from the Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Assistance balances to meet the needs in this account. The sum of \$5,947.72 is listed in accounts receivable, to be reimbursed by other cities and towns where settlements occurred. For unsettled cases, the sum of \$500.00 is due from the State. The amount of \$174.24 was paid to other cities and towns for outside relief. The expenses in this category of relief were substantially higher than anticipated, due to medical needs.

Our sincere thanks are again expressed to Mr. Joseph Lindsey and the Taunton Greyhound Association for the generous contribution of \$500.00 Christmas Fund.

Assistance and courtesies rendered by the personnel of the State Department of Public Welfare, District Office, and the Bureau of Accounts, is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES,

Chairman,

CLAYTON H. ATWOOD,

EARLE M. SMITH,

Board of Public Welfare

BELLA M. BOUCHER,

Social Worker

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY NURSE

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

The Salk vaccine program sponsored by the State of Massachusetts was completed in June. Clinics were held in January, February, March and June giving everyone an opportunity to complete a series of three doses of the vaccine. After November 1, 1957 free vaccine was available only to pregnant women and infants up to one year of age.

At the annual Immunization Clinic held in March, April and May for the prevention of Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus, one hundred twenty-eight children received injections. Twenty-four children were vaccinated against Small-pox at the Pre-School Clinic.

Asian Flu vaccine was received in late October and clinics were held on October 31st and November 7th for town employees. When the rest of the vaccine was available, two additional clinics were held. Both afternoon and evening clinics were arranged so everyone could take advantage of the opportunity offered. Eighty-four received the full dose—two injections, and five took only one shot.

One patient was readmitted to the Bristol County Sanatorium for further treatment of Tuberculosis. One patient died from this disease.

Mumps were prevalent during January, February and March and several cases of Scarlet Fever were reported during March.

My daily work included bedside nursing, treatments, baby care and injections of various kinds. Transportation was furnished patients to doctors' offices, clinics and hospitals.

I attended monthly meetings of the Health and Welfare Workers' Association held in Taunton, and the Board meetings of the Bristol County Mental Health Association.

In September a seven week course was started at the Lakeville Sanatorium. This was the first half of a thirteen week basic course in Disaster Nursing sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency. I attended the seven lectures and a certificate will be awarded at the completion of the course.

I wish to express my thanks to the members of the Board of Health and Town Officials for their support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER BOWDEN, R. N.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of the Town of Dighton:

Herewith is a report of the financial transactions of the Town of Dighton for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1957.

Classification of Treasurer's Receipts for 1957

Cash Balance as of January 1, 1957	\$118,542.37
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Received from Town Collector:

1955 Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 128.72
1956 Motor Vehicle Excise	13,291.27
1957 Motor Vehicle Excise	29,224.78
	\$ 42,644.77

1953 Personal Property

Taxes	1.03
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1954 Personal Property

Taxes	57.61
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1956 Personal Property

Taxes	427.44
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1957 Personal Property

Taxes	27,348.53
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1954 Poll Taxes

2.00

1955 Poll Taxes

6.00

1956 Poll Taxes

18.00

1957 Poll Taxes

1,754.00

1955 Real Estate Taxes

1,669.47

1956 Real Estate Taxes

35,822.22

1957 Real Estate Taxes

186,301.70

\$253,408.00

1957 Farm Excise

221.38

Tax Titles

1,850.19

Interest on Taxes:

Real Estate

649.09

Personal Property

13.77

Motor Vehicle Excise

39.77

Tax Titles	323.39	
Poll Tax	1.18	
Farm Excise	.27	
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		1,027.47
Total Collector's Receipts		229,151.81

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Income Tax	6,226.62	
Meals Tax	1,078.49	
Corp. Tax	37,793.46	
School Aid—Ch. 645	11,792.02	
School Aid—Ch. 70	40,310.97	
Vocational Education	8,122.84	
School Transportation	23,486.10	
School Superintendency	2,426.67	
Tuition & Transportation	660.19	
Chapter 718	6,250.00	
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		138,147.36

Departmental Receipts:

Town Nurse	48.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	29.70
Police Dept.—Telephone Calls	20.30

School Department:

Vocational Production Fund	2,300.30	
Vocational Labor	2.00	
Sanitary Fund	52.89	
Broken Tools	6.75	
Lost Books	3.91	
Replace Paint	1.00	
Public Library—Book Fines	43.46	
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		2,508.31

General Government:

Sale of Town Pipe	37.20	
Sale of Calcium Chloride	11.50	
Sale of Typewriter	5.00	
Sale of Stoves	25.00	
Sale of Stoves & Refrigerator	110.50	
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		189.20

Town Clerk—Dog Licenses		864.45
Departmental Revenue:		
Aid to Dependent Children:		
From State	1,534.07	
Disability Assistance:		
From State	474.03	
Disability Assistance Administration	136.46	
Old Age Assistance:		
From State	20,606.19	
Old Age Assistance:		
Check Returned	62.40	
Public Welfare	6,370.12	
Veterans Benefits':		
From State	2,332.59	
Board of Health:		
From State	699.64	
Board of Health:		
From Individuals	30.00	
Street Department	219.10	
Playgrounds & Recreation Refund	.20	
	<hr/>	32,464.80
School Department:		
High School Tuition	13,673.75	
Vocational Tuition	3,915.00	
Elementary Tuition	100.00	
Telephone	53.27	
	<hr/>	17,742.02
Dighton-Berkley Bridge		37.77
Special Town Dump		1,170.00

Tax Title Foreclosure Account	65.53
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Agency Trust & Refund	180.18
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Aid to Highways Revenue:

Chapter 81—State	24,490.78
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Chapter 90—Maintenance:	
State	1,644.70

Chapter 90—Maintenance:	
County	1,644.70

Chapter 90—Williams St.:	
State	982.72

Chap. 90—Spring St. Bridge:	
State	17,060.57

Chap. 90—Spring St. Bridge:	
County	2,644.20

Flood Relief—Spring St.	
Bridge: State	30,600.00
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	79,067.67

U. S. Grants:

A.D.C. Administration	308.76
D.A. Administration	272.90
O.A.A. Administration	1,364.30
A.D.C.	860.15
D.A.	2,328.31
O.A.A.	19,913.56
Smith-Hughes Fund	230.00
Total U. S. Grants	<hr/>
	25,277.98

Grants and Gifts:

Fire and Police Dept.	
Specials	17,966.75
Special Light Account	137.50
Christmas Fund	500.00
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	18,604.25

Licenses:

Advertising Costs	20.58	
Alcoholic Beverages	1,900.00	
Auto Dealers	30.00	
Beer and Wine	250.00	
Cabin	1.50	
Common Victualler	50.00	
Denatured Alcohol	5.00	
Garbage Permit	1.50	
Gasoline Storage	12.00	
Ice Cream Manufacturing	5.00	
Hawkers	8.00	
Junk	40.00	
Lord's Day	51.00	
Milk	8.50	
Oleo	3.00	
Oyster Bed Privilege	75.00	
Pistol & Firearms	9.00	
Sausage Manufacturing	5.00	
Temporary Beer and Wine	13.00	
Building Permits	119.00	
Alteration Permits	52.00	
Moving Permit	2.00	
	<hr/>	2,661.08

Miscellaneous:

Cemetery Perpetual Care		
Funds	330.79	
Charles S. Chase Trust Fund	27.68	
Road Machinery Fund	3,297.00	
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County of Bristol:

Dog Fund	595.76	
Court Fines	133.20	
Boarding Dogs	122.50	
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Elementary School Cafeteria:

Comm. of Mass. &
Daily Receipts

21,570.03 21,570.03

High School Cafeteria:

Comm. of Mass. &
Daily Receipts

13,824.30 13,824.30

High School Athletics

1,977.60 1,977.60

Federal Withholding Tax

33,540.10 33,540.10

County Retirement

3,398.85 3,398.85

Total Receipts for 1957

\$696,950.22

\$815,492.59

TREASURER'S EXPENDITURES

Classification of Treasurer's Expenditures for 1957

General Government:

Selectmen:

Office Supplies	\$88.50	
Other Expenses	69.90	
Salaries	2,000.00	
Advertising	18.98	
Printing, Postage, Stationery	132.40	
Transportation, Dues, Luncheon, Etc.	106.95	
Telephone	165.10	
Trip to Nike in Texas, and Misc.	48.80	
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		\$ 2,630.63

Board of Assessors:

Salaries	2,350.00	
Mileage, Dues, Etc.	202.00	
Telephone	18.00	
Office Supplies	14.72	
Printing, Postage, Binding	116.20	
Misc.	14.62	
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		2,715.54

Town Auditor:

Salary	600.00	
Dues	3.00	
Misc.	25.70	
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		628.70

Election, Registration, Census:

Clerical Salaries, Election	15.60	
Supplies	178.65	
Officials	100.00	
Officers	37.51	
Janitor	16.25	

Salaries, Registrars	400.00	
Expense, "	15.70	
Salaries, Census Takers	380.00	
Postage, printing, Census Takers	112.18	
Mileage, Census Takers	6.88	
	<hr/>	1,262.77

Town Clerk:

Salary	700.00	
Office Supplies	71.63	
Telephone	62.75	
Mileage	6.72	
Misc.	9.50	
Printing, Postage, Etc.	19.00	
	<hr/>	869.60

Tax Collector:

Salary	1,600.00	
Assoc. Meetings & Dues	8.00	
Printing, Postage	369.95	
Telephone	60.40	
Mileage	16.40	
Clerical Help	18.75	
Misc.	90.47	
	<hr/>	2,163.97

Town Treasurer:

Salary	1,200.00	
Lunches, Dues, Mileage	23.44	
Printing, Postage	285.62	
Telephone	61.45	
Office Supplies	59.89	
Misc.	28.00	
	<hr/>	1,658.40

Town Office Account:

Salaries	5,469.10	
Printing, Postage, Etc.	900.55	
Adv.	25.77	

Legal Fees	80.00	
Misc.	16.25	
	<hr/>	6,491.67

Dog Officer Account:

Fees	135.00	
Advertising, postage	13.48	
Salary	50.00	
	<hr/>	198.48

Town Insurance:

Automobile	1,358.42	
Property, fire	1,983.48	
Accident	339.25	
Bonds	525.89	
Workmen's Compensation	2,018.09	
	<hr/>	6,225.13

Planning Board:

Dues	118.00	
Misc.	41.50	
Printing	43.50	
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Hydrant Rental	1,740.00	1,740.00
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Finance Committee—Dues	15.00	15.00
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Protection of Persons and Property:

Fire Department:

Special Tank Truck	1,700.00	1,700.00
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Fire Department—

Special Account:

Dog Track	2,016.00	
Water District	67.00	
Rehoboth Fair	36.00	
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Fire Department:

Wages	3,020.00	
Janitors	330.00	
Deputy Chief	220.00	
Chief	220.00	
Misc. Equipment	133.69	
Apparatus	26.82	
Hose	1,932.46	
Gasoline and Oil	357.02	
Radio & Truck Repairs	1,208.03	
Water	30.00	
Fuel	612.31	
Light	279.04	
Building Repairs	216.36	
Stationery, etc.	5.75	
Telephone	839.61	
All Other	15.46	
	<hr/>	9,446.55

Police Department:

Chief	3,681.67	
Officers	1,067.00	
Telephone	458.33	
Membership dues, lunches, etc.	71.00	
Equipment	103.48	
Equipment Repairs	285.87	
Gas & Oil	537.44	
Printing, Postage, etc.	34.83	
Supplies	22.53	
Lockup fees, transportation, etc.	109.32	
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Police—Special:

Standard Coil Products Co.	2,913.75	
Water District	10.00	
Dog Track	12,162.50	
Rehoboth Fair	761.50	
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Health and Sanitation:

Care of Town Dumps:

Wages	1,872.00	
Miscellaneous expenses	19.07	
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Mosquito Control	250.00	250.00
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Police Cruiser Account	1,645.00	1,645.00
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Forest Fire Relief Account	271.00	271.00
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Town Ambulance:

Drivers	158.00	
Gasoline & Oil	38.26	
Laundry	13.71	
Supplies	8.00	
Repairs	105.75	
	<hr/>	323.72

Board of Health:

Salaries—Administration	575.00
Administration expense	29.64
Clinic expenses	278.82
Telephone	181.85

Tuberculosis Board & Treatment	864.00
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Health Inspections	100.00
Milk Inspector	249.96
Town Nurse	1,500.00
Sealer of Weights	100.00
Vital Statistics Recording	178.00
Miscellaneous	44.80
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4,102.07

Special Dump Account:

Salaries	212.50
Equipment hire	527.20
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739.70

Brush Control:

Materials	209.60	
Labor	464.75	
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Highways and Bridges:

Dighton-Berkley Bridge:

Tender's Salary	840.00	
Repairs	61.39	
Light, Signs, etc.	51.63	
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Chapter 81:

Labor	9,140.81	
Materials	5,166.60	
Hired Equipment	6,546.20	
	<hr/>	20,853.61

Chapter 90—Maintenance:

Labor	1,757.25	
Materials	737.26	
Hired Equipment	2,605.40	
	<hr/>	5,099.91

Road Machinery Account:

Gas & Oil	1,480.36	
Repairs	1,780.38	
Equipment	542.97	
Miscellaneous	75.88	
	<hr/>	3,879.59

Chapter 90—Dighton-Berkley Bridge:

Advertising	12.89	12.89
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Chapter 90—Elm St. Construction:

Labor	44.10	44.10
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Gravel Roads:

Labor	5,891.83	
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Hired Equipment	6,915.80	
Material	2,989.25	
	<hr/>	15,796.88
Chapter 90—Spring St. Bridge:		
Contract	59,034.28	
Hired Equipment	377.00	
	<hr/>	59,411.28
Street Department:		
Administration Expense and Salaries	337.00	
Labor—General	2,776.25	
Materials	638.97	
Bridges	354.80	
Snow Removal—Labor	2,049.10	
Hired Equipment	60.00	
Sand & Calcium Chloride	892.32	
Signs and Lighting	344.56	
All Other	185.87	
	<hr/>	7,638.87
Sidewalk Maintenance:		
Labor	16.25	
Spraying	276.25	
	<hr/>	292.50
Chapter 90 Construction—Williams St.:		
Transportation on Signs	1.50	1.50
Care of Town Elms:		
Expenses of tree removal	3,496.57	3,496.57
Gypsy Moth:		
Spraying	355.00	355.00
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Cash	2,839.30	
Medical	96.25	
Administration Salaries	33.32	

Social Worker's Salary	417.57	
Postage, Supplies, Telephone	40.34	
Dues	3.00	
	<hr/>	3,429.78

Disability Assistance:

Cash	3,374.53	
Medical	788.12	
Administration Salaries	70.83	
Social Worker's Salary	235.38	
Postage, Supplies, Telephone	85.05	
	<hr/>	4,553.91

Old Age Assistance:

Cash	43,439.45	
Medical	3,206.89	
Administration Salaries	175.02	
Social Worker's Salary	1,029.30	
Travel	200.00	
Postage, Supplies, Telephone	97.77	
Lunches, dues, etc.	13.00	
Outside Relief	519.46	
	<hr/>	48,680.89

Charities and Soldiers' Benefits:

General Relief Administration:

Administration Salaries	570.83	
Social Worker's Salary	1,557.75	
Postage, Supplies, Telephone	50.44	
	<hr/>	2,179.02

Veterans' Benefits:

Cash	3,539.90	
Groceries	311.63	
Medical	1,310.33	
Administration Salary	300.00	
Rent & Fuel	42.30	
Association Dues	15.00	
	<hr/>	5,519.16

General Relief—Welfare:

Groceries	889.20	
Fuel	46.15	
Board and Care	1,980.15	
Medical	791.20	
Cash	4,719.53	
Clothing, Rents, Misc.	341.85	
Outside Relief	174.24	
	<hr/>	8,942.32

Schools and Libraries:

Elementary School Library:

Books	244.92	
Equipment	22.50	
	<hr/>	267.42

High School Boiler Repairs	2,344.18	2,344.18
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George Barden-Smith Hughes
Fund:

Salaries—George Barden	747.90	
Salaries—Smith Hughes	328.00	
	<hr/>	1,075.90

Elementary School Cafeteria:

Salaries	6,801.20	
Food	13,468.43	
Laundry	105.40	
Equipment	97.35	
Supplies	143.03	
Transportation	119.27	
Miscellaneous	73.71	
	<hr/>	20,808.39

High School Cafeteria:

Salaries	4,535.89	
Food	8,849.62	
Laundry	159.54	
Equipment	70.89	

Supplies	35.94	
Transportation	102.11	
Miscellaneous	22.35	
	<hr/>	13,776.34

High School Athletics:

Officials	773.50	
Officers	102.25	
Janitor	119.00	
Equipment	1,081.14	
Repairing & Cleaning	427.80	
Transportation	67.00	
Medical, awards, tickets, etc.	483.45	
	<hr/>	3,054.14

Vocational Production Fund—

Materials	2,189.10	2,189.10
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School Department:

Transportation	28,170.42	
Salary & Expenses of Superintendent	5,157.41	
Clerk in Supt's Office	1,873.12	
Truant Officer	50.00	
Office Expenses	195.26	
Elementary School Secretary	831.30	
High School Secretary	745.11	
Elementary Teachers	82,913.67	
High School Teachers	74,748.12	
All Other Teachers	7,746.46	
Staff Expenses	79.46	
Household Arts	264.90	
Vocational Shop	1,416.18	
Health—Elementary	1,435.48	
Health—High School	1,340.82	
Library—High School	336.75	
Books—Elementary	1,661.26	
Books—High School	1,102.62	
New Equipment— Elementary	441.55	

New Equipment—	
High School	1,172.46
Supplies—Elementary	2,274.26
Supplies—High School	1,393.62
Telephone	830.35
Gas—Elementary	436.24
Gas—High School	377.30
Electricity—Elementary	1,326.90
Electricity—High School	1,350.40
Fuel—Elementary	3,090.96
Fuel—High School	1,790.38
Water—Elementary	259.38
Water—High School	228.72
Tuition	234.60
Janitor's Salaries—	
Elementary	7,095.32
Janitor's Salaries—	
High School	7,109.11
Janitor's Supplies—	
Elementary	1,037.77
Janitor's Supplies—	
High School	856.00
Repairs—Elementary	750.32
Repairs—High School	772.60
Boiler Maintenance—	
Elementary	54.00
Boiler Maintenance—	
High School	26.81
Miscellaneous—Elementary	1,602.31
Miscellaneous—High School	1,753.47
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	246,333.17

Public Library:

Librarian's Salary	600.00
Janitor	230.00
Books	416.89
Periodicals	63.23
Binding	32.00
Water	25.00

Fuel	192.26	
Light	30.70	
Building Repairs	133.08	
Care of Grounds	2.00	
Janitor's Supplies	13.78	
Telephone	89.10	
	<hr/>	1,828.04

Recreation and Unclassified:

Civic Center:

Fuel	134.30	
Janitor	30.00	
Light	29.20	
Repairs	76.99	
Water	15.00	
	<hr/>	285.49

Tax Title Foreclosure Account—

Expenses	314.21	314.21
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Civil Defense Ground

Observer Tower	889.86	889.86
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Civil Defense:

Travel	18.42	
Miscellaneous	8.22	
	<hr/>	26.64

Town Mapping Project—

preliminary survey	150.00	150.00
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Civil Defense Apparatus Account:

Repairs and New Equipment	872.31	872.31
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Memorial Day Observance	152.00	152.00
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Tax Title Revenue Account:

Payments to Water District	305.08	305.08
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Veterans' Memorial Hall—Maintenance:

Fuel	360.86	
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Water	8.80	
Repairs	166.40	
Light	87.82	
Miscellaneous	1.84	
		625.72
Fence and Boundary Markers	25.00	25.00
Special Light Dog Track	66.00	66.00
Public Property—		
Town Cemetery	215.00	215.00
Shade Tree Program	448.40	448.40
Playgrounds & Recreation:		
Playground		
Supervisors Salaries	350.00	
Equipment	637.11	
		987.31
City of Fall River—Old Bill	5,005.05	5,005.05
Christmas Fund	500.00	500.00
Town Garage Land	1,500.00	1,500.00
Interest and Maturing Debt:		
Interest on School		
Building Bonds	7,590.00	7,590.00
Principal on Elementary		
School Bonds	25,000.00	25,000.00
Agency, Trust, Refunds and Transfers:		
Agency, Trust and Investment:		
State Tax	2,118.59	
T. B. Hospital Assessment	7,175.27	
County Retirement		
Assessment	4,518.51	

County Tax	14,332.58	
County Retirement & Federal Tax	32,904.52	
Dog Licenses for County	864.45	
Perpetual Care— Cemeteries	330.79	
Charles S. Chase Trust Fund	27.68	
Sale of Railroad property	180.18	
	<hr/>	62,452.57
Refunds on Taxes	810.25	810.25

DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT

Town Office Account:

Appropriation	\$ 6,925.00	
Expenditures	6,491.67	
Balance	<hr/>	\$ 433.33

Selectmen:

Appropriation	2,725.00	
Expenditures	2,630.63	
Balance	<hr/>	94.37

Assessors:

Appropriation	3,000.00	
Expenditures	2,715.54	
Balance	<hr/>	284.46

Town Auditor:

Appropriation	750.00	
Expenditures	628.70	
Balance	<hr/>	121.30

Town Clerk:

Appropriation	935.00	
Expenditures	869.60	
Balance	<hr/>	65.40

Town Collector:

Appropriation	2,220.00	
Expenditures	2,163.97	
Balance		56.03

Town Treasurer:

Appropriation	1,705.00	
Expenditures	1,658.40	
Balance		46.60

Elections & Registrations:

Appropriation	1,315.00	
Expenditures	1,262.77	
Balance		52.23

Dog Officer:

Appropriation	225.00	
Expenditures	198.48	
Balance		26.52

Town Insurance:

Appropriation	6,402.69	
Expenditures	6,225.13	
Balance		177.56

Hydrant Rental:

Appropriation	1,740.00	
Expenditures	1,740.00	
Balance		none

Vets. Memorial Hall Maintenance:

Appropriation	1,000.00	
Expenditures	625.72	
Balance		374.28

Town Historian:

1/1/57 Balance	100.00	
Expenditures	none	
Balance		100.00

1950 - 1955 Unpaid Bills:

City of Fall River:

Appropriation	5,005.05	
Expenditures	5,005.05	
Balance		none

Fence & Boundary Markers:

1/1/57 Balance	97.11	
Expenditures	25.00	
Transfer to Surplus Revenue	72.11	
Balance		none

Special Light—Dog Track:

Received from Taunton Greyhound Association	137.50	
Expenditures	71.50	
Balance		66.00

Planning Board:

Appropriation	300.00	
Expenditures	203.00	
Balance		97.00

Public Property Account:

Appropriation	350.00	
Expenditures	215.00	
Balance		135.00

Civic Center Maintenance:

Appropriation	550.00	
Expenditures	285.49	
Balance		264.51

Town Finance Committee

Appropriation	50.00	
Expenditures	15.00	
Balance		35.00

Town Mapping Project:

Appropriation	6,150.00	
Expenditures	150.00	
Balance		6,000.00

Fire Department:

Appropriation	9,178.28	
From Board of Health	268.27	
	<u>9,446.55</u>	
Expenditures	9,446.55	
Balance		none

Fire Department—Special:

Receipts Taunton Greyhound Asso.	2,016.00	
Expenditures	2,016.00	
Balance		none

Fire Department—Special:

Receipts Rehoboth Fair	36.00	
Expenditures	36.00	
Balance		none

Police Department:

Appropriation	6,400.00	
Expenditures	6,371.47	
Balance		28.53

Police Special:

Rec'd from Standard Coil Products Corp.	2,913.75	
Expenditures	2,913.75	
Balance		none

Police Special:

Rec'd from Taunton Greyhound Associaton	12,162.50	
Expenditures	12,162.50	
Balance		none

Police Special:

Rec'd from Rehoboth Fair	761.50	
Expenditures	761.50	
Balance		none

Police Cruiser Account:

1/1/57 Balance	1,669.53	
Expenditures	1,645.00	
Transfer to Surplus Revenue	24.53	
Balance		none

Board of Health:

Appropriation	4,445.00	
Expenditures	4,102.07	
Transfer to Fire Dept.	268.27	
Balance		74.66

Mosquito Control:

Appropriation	250.00	
Expenditures	250.00	
Balance		none

Town Dump:

Appropriation	2,000.00	
Expenditures	1,891.07	
Balance		108.93

Special Town Dump Account:

1/1/57 Balance	785.05	
Rec'd from Town of Somerset	1,170.00	
	1,955.05	
Expenditures	739.70	
Balance		1,215.35

Town Ambulance:

Appropriation	472.00	
Expenditures	323.72	
Balance		148.28

Street Department:

Appropriation	7,500.00	
Transfer from Gravel Roads Acct.	167.48	
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	7,667.48	
Expenditures	7,667.48	
Balance	<hr/>	none

Dighton-Berkley Bridge:

Appropriation	1,000.00	
Expenditures	953.02	
Balance	<hr/>	46.98

Sidewalk Maintenance:

Appropriation	500.00	
Expenditures	292.50	
Balance	<hr/>	207.50

Chapter 81:

Appropriation	20,825.00	
Transfer from Street Dept.	28.61	
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	20,853.61	
Expenditures	20,853.61	
Balance	<hr/>	none

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Appropriation	5,100.00	
Expenditures	5,099.91	
Balance	<hr/>	.09

Chapter 90 Dighton-Berkley Bridge Maintenance:

1/1/57 Balance	1,054.41	
Expenditures	12.89	
Balance	<hr/>	1,041.52

Gypsy Moth:

Appropriation	542.00	
Expenditures	355.00	
Balance	<hr/>	187.00

Brush Control:

Appropriation	1,000.00	
Expenditures	674.35	
Balance		325.65

Care of Town Elms:

Appropriation	3,500.00	
Expenditures	3,496.57	
Balance		3.43

Shade Tree Account:

Appropriation	500.00	
Expenditures	448.40	
Balance		51.60

Road Machinery Account:

1/1/57 Balance	183.90	
Transfer from Road Machinery Fund	2,500.00	
From Surplus Revenue	1,000.00	
From Gravel Roads	195.69	
	3,879.59	
Expenditures	3,879.59	
Balance		none

Chapter 90—New Construction**Williams Street:**

1/1/57 Balance	7,185.53	
Expenditures	1.50	
Balance		7,184.03

Gravelling Town Roads:

1/1/57 Balance	783.22	
Appropriation	17,500.00	
Expenditures	15,796.88	
To Street Dept.	167.48	
To Road Machinery	195.69	
Balance		2,123.17

Chapter 90—Spring Street Bridge:

1/1/57 Balance	19,500.00	
From Surplus Revenue	59,500.00	
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	79,000.00	
Expenditures	59,411.28	
Balance	<hr/>	19,588.72

Street Dept. Land Purchase:

Appropriation	1,500.00	
Expenditures	1,500.00	
Balance	<hr/>	none

Chapter 90—Elm Street:

Appropriation	6,250.00	
Expenditures	44.10	
Balance	<hr/>	6,205.90

Aid to Dependent Children:

Appropriation	4,000.00	
Expenditures	1,976.03	
Transfer to Public Welfare	2,023.97	
Balance	<hr/>	none

Disability Assistance:

Appropriation	3,000.00	
Expenditures	1,678.46	
Transfer to Veterans' Benefits	519.16	
Transfer to Public Welfare	418.35	
Balance	<hr/>	384.03

Old Age Assistance:

Appropriation	28,500.00	
Expenditures	27,498.04	
Balance	<hr/>	1,001.96

General Relief Administration:

Appropriation	2,200.00	
Expenditures	2,179.02	
Balance	<hr/>	20.98

Veterans' Benefits:

Appropriation	5,000.00	
Transfer from D. A.	519.16	
Expenditures	5,519.16	
Balance		none

Public Welfare Department:

Appropriation	6,500.00	
Transfer from D. A.	418.35	
Transfer from A. D. C.	2,023.97	
	8,942.32	
Expenditures	8,942.32	
Balance		none

School Department:

Appropriation	247,551.00	
Expenditures	246,333.17	
Balance		1,217.83

Elementary School Cafeteria:

1/1/57 Balance	954.44	
Received 1957	21,570.03	
	22,524.47	
Expenditures	20,808.39	
Balance		1,716.08

High School Cafeteria:

1/1/57 Balance	1,249.63	
Received 1957	13,824.30	
	15,073.93	
Expenditures	13,776.34	
Balance		1,297.59

High School Athletics:

1/1/57 Balance	164.31	
Received 1957	2,977.60	
	3,141.91	
Expenditures	3,054.14	
Balance		87.77

Vocational School Production Fund:

Appropriation	2,200.00	
Expenditures	2,189.10	
Balance		10.90

Public Library:

Appropriation	1,841.00	
Expenditures	1,828.04	
Balance		12.96

Elementary School Library:

1/1/57 Balance	358.21	
From County Dog Tax Refund	595.76	
	953.97	
Expenditures	267.42	
Balance		686.55

High School Boiler:

Appropriation	2,500.00	
Expenditures	2,344.18	
To Surplus Revenue	155.82	
Balance		none

County Retirement Fund:

Withheld from Wages 1957	3,398.85	
Expenditures	3,043.44	
Balance		355.41

Federal Withholding Tax:

Withheld from wages 1957	33,540.10	
Expenditures	29,861.08	
Balance		3,679.02

Civil Defense Account:

1/1/57 Balance	303.64	
Appropriation	135.00	
	438.64	
Expenditures	26.64	
Balance		412.00

Civil Defense Radio Account:

1/1/57 Balance	57.65	
Transfer to Surplus Revenue	57.65	
Balance		none

Civil Defense Equipment & Apparatus Acct.:

1/1/57 Balance	2,021.21	
Expenditures	872.31	
Balance		1,148.90

C.D. Grd. Obs. Corps Post:

Appropriation	400.00	
From Reserve Acct. Appropriated	500.00	
	900.00	
Expenditures	889.86	
To Surplus Revenue	10.14	
Balance		none

Reserve Account Appropriated:

From Overlay Surplus	5,000.00	
To Grd. Observer Post	500.00	
Return to Overlay Surplus	4,500.00	
Balance		none

Memorial Day Observance:

Appropriation	175.00	
Expenditures	152.00	
Balance		23.00

Tax Title Foreclosure Account:

Appropriation	300.00	
Int. & Costs rec'd acct. of Redemptions	65.53	
	365.53	
Expenditures	314.21	
Balance		51.32

Contributory County Retirement:

Appropriation	4,518.51	
Expenditures	4,518.51	
Balance		none

Agency, Trusts & Refunds:

Received 1957	180.18	
Expenditures	180.18	
Balance		none

Playgrounds & Recreation:

Appropriation	1,000.00	
Refund	.20	
	1,000.20	
Expenditures	987.31	
Balance		12.89

Interest on School Bonds:

Appropriation	7,590.00	
Expenditures	7,590.00	
Balance		none

Elementary School Bonds:

Appropriation	25,000.00	
Expenditures	25,000.00	
Balance		none

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:

Received during 1957	330.79	
Expenditures	330.79	
Balance		none

Charles S. Chase Trust Fund:

Received during 1957	27.68	
Expenditures	27.68	
Balance		none

Dog Licenses:

Received during 1957	864.45	
Expenditures	864.45	
Balance		none

U. S. Grant—Smith-Hughes, George Barden Funds:

1/1/57 Balance	1,085.04	
Received during 1957	230.00	
	1,315.04	
Expenditures	1,075.90	
Balance		239.14

Christmas Fund:

Taunton Greyhound Asso.	500.00	
Expenditures	500.00	
Balance		none

Total Appropriation Balances	6,182.11
Revenue Receipts over Assessors' Estimates	16,932.64
Surplus Revenue to Excess and Deficiency For 1957	\$23,114.75

I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the reports contained herein are correct. The Cash Balances of all officers intrusted with the receipt, custody or expenditures of money have been verified and all such books and accounts are in order. The Tax Collector's report as published is correct. All payments to the Treasurer have been properly warranted and all receipts have been recorded. Cash and Securities of the Trust Funds have been verified, all income accounted for, and all payments warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

STAFFORD H. HAMBLY,
Town Auditor.

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General Account

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash		Liabilities:	
Petty Cash Advance—School Cafeteria		U. S. Grants:	
Accounts Receivable:		Aid to Dependent Children Adm.	\$ 4.19
Taxes:		Disability Assistance Administration	21.32
1954 Personal Property	\$ 55.35	Old Age Assistance Adm.	9.05
1955 Personal Property	57.84	Aid to Dependent Children	2.65
1956 Personal Property	191.40	Disability Assistance	28.98
1957 Personal Property	328.28	Old Age Assistance	307.76
1957 Poll	24.00	Smith-Hughes—George Barden Funds	239.14
1956 Real Estate	2,039.68	Road Machinery Fund	3,508.63
1957 Real Estate	30,677.43	County Assessment—B.C.T.B. Hospital	62.28
1956 Motor Vehicle	642.45	Tailings	172.50
1957 Motor Vehicle	6,054.31	Town Historian	100.00
		Special Light—Dog Track	66.00
		Town Mapping Project	6,000.00
		Special Town Dump	1,215.35
1957 Farm Excise		Chapter 90—D-B Bridge Maintenance	1,041.52
Tax Possessions		Chapter 90—Williams Street	7,184.03
Tax Title		Gravelling Town Roads	2,123.17
		Chapter 90—Spring St., Bridge	19,588.72
		Chapter 90—Elm Street	6,205.90
Departmental:		Elementary School Cafeteria	1,716.08
Aid to Dependent Children	184.58	High School Cafeteria	1,297.59
Old Age Assistance	788.71	High School Athletics	87.77
Board of Health	30.00	Elementary School Library	686.55

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School Department	9,113.25	County Retirement Fund	355.41
Fire Department	180.00	Federal Withholding Tax	3,679.02
Forest Fire Relief	421.00	Civil Defense Account	412.00
Welfare	5,947.72	Civil Defense Equipment & Apparatus Account	1,148.90
	<u>16,665.26</u>		
Aid to Highways:		Reserves:	
Chapter 81—State	2,459.22	Overlay, Reserved for Abatement of 1954 Taxes	55.35
Chapter 90—Maintenance	1,700.00	Overlay, Reserved for Abatement of 1955 Taxes	57.84
Chapter 90—Dighton-Berkley Bridge Maintenance	350.00	Overlay, Reserved for Abatement of 1956 Taxes	2,231.08
Chapter 90—Spring St. Bridge	9,939.43	Overlay, Reserved for Abatement of 1957 Taxes	7,955.65
Chapter 90—Williams Street	3,417.36		<u>10,299.92</u>
Flood Relief—			
Spring St. Bridge	3,400.00	Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus	21,228.08
Chapter 90—Maint.—County	1,700.00		
Chapter 90—Maintenance—Dighton-Berkley Bridge—County	350.00	Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Chapter 90—Williams St., County	2,200.04	Motor Vehicle Excise	6,696.76
Chapter 90—Spring St. Bridge—County	6,355.80	Departmental	16,665.26
	<u>31,871.85</u>	Aid to Highways	31,871.85
State Taxes and Assessments	50.34	Tax Possession	468.88
County Taxes and Assessments	839.17	Tax Title	1,650.17
Fire Dept.—Special Tank Truck	1,700.00	Farm Excise	17.31
Forest Fire Relief Account	271.00	Petty Cash Advance	12.00
	<u>\$245,886.37</u>		<u>57,382.23</u>
		Excess and Deficiency:	
		Surplus Revenue	99,711.63
			<u>\$245,886.37</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded Debt	\$320,000.00	Elementary School Bonds	320,000.00
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TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds:			
Cash	15,238.25	Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	8,773.29
		Joshua Bliss Cemetery Fund	5,449.96
		Charles S. Chase Trust Fund	1,015.00
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			15,238.25
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	\$581,124.62		\$581,124.62

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of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

of the Town of

DIGHTON

Year Ending December 31, 1957

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Albert R. DeSilva, Chairman 87 Winter Street, North Dighton	1959
Mrs. Helene Yeames, Secretary 100 Elm Street, Dighton	1959
Francis J. Torres, Financial Secretary 43 Summer Street, North Dighton	1959
Mrs. Catherine C. Carr Briggs Street, North Dighton	1958
Harry Hagopian 150 Spring Street, North Dighton	1960
Wyman E. Hawkes Segreganset	1958
Lawrence Mendoza Elm Street, Dighton	1960

Superintendent

Robert T. Roy, B. S., Ed. M.

Residence: Somerset Avenue, Segreganset

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Secretary

Gladys P. Babbitt

School Physician

Charles M. Souza, M. D.

School Nurse

Esther Bowden, R. N.

Attendance Supervisor

Howell S. Carr

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Age

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six years of age or who will become six years of age on or before the following January 1. There will be no exceptions made to this ruling.

Birth Certificates

Presentation of a birth certificate is required for entrance to the first grade.

Vaccination

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a certificate of vaccination or a statement from his physician that vaccination is inadvisable.

NO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Elementary School

Whenever it seems advisable to close the elementary school the notice will be broadcast over Radio Station WPEP, Taunton, and over Radio Station WSAR, Fall River.

High School

Whenever the school buses can be safely operated there will be school at Dighton High School unless unforeseen emergencies make it necessary to close. In the event of closing, the information will be specifically announced over the radio as indicated above for the elementary school.

TRANSPORTATION

The law requires that transportation be provided for pupils residing more than two miles from the school attended or more than one mile from the nearest bus stop. Many pupils living at lesser distances along established routes are transported if the seating capacity of the bus will permit. From time to time it is necessary to refuse transportation to some of those living under the required distance when our buses are filled to capacity with children living at a greater distance.

ANNUAL REPORT

SCHOOL CALENDAR

As approved by School Committee

1957 — 1958

DIGHTON

Dighton Elementary School

School opens September 4, 1957	
closes December 20, 1957	74 days
opens January 6, 1958	
closes February 21, 1958	35 days
opens March 3, 1958	
closes April 18, 1958	34 days
opens April 28, 1958	
closes June 11, 1958	32 days
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	175 days

Dighton High School

School opens September 4, 1957	
closes December 20, 1957	74 days
opens January 6, 1958	
closes February 21, 1958	35 days
opens March 3, 1958	
closes April 18, 1958	34 days
opens April 28, 1958	
closes June 20, 1958	39 days
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	182 days

Schools will close on the following days:

October 25—Teachers' Convention

November 11—Veterans' Day

November 28 and 29—Thanksgiving Recess

April 4—Good Friday

May 30—Memorial Day

Dighton Elementary School Graduation.....June 4, 1958

Dighton High School GraduationJune 12, 1958

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation		\$249,751.00
Less: Production Fund	\$2,200.00	
Dental Fund	1,200.00	3,400.00
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		\$246,351.00

Expenditures

General Control	\$ 9,714.47	
Transportation	28,271.56	
Teachers' Salaries	165,408.25	
Books	2,763.88	
Audio-Visual Aids	141.00	
Supplies	2,933.50	
Janitors' Supplies	1,224.88	
Fuel	4,881.34	
Electricity	3,008.80	
Gas	482.04	
Water	488.10	
Janitors' Salaries	15,155.07	
Miscellaneous	2,559.28	
Boiler Repairs	80.81	
Repairs	1,505.86	
Music	849.74	
Health	2,776.30	
New Equipment	1,751.20	
Library, High School	336.75	
Staff Expenses	85.46	
Tuition, Evening School	234.60	
Vocational Education:		
Household Arts	264.90	
General Shop	1,415.38	
	<hr/>	\$246,333.17
Balance—Returned to Town		17.83
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		\$246,351.00

VOCATIONAL PRODUCTION FUND

Appropriation	\$2,200.00
Expenditures	2,189.10
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Balance on Hand	\$ 10.90

DENTAL FUND

Appropriation	\$1,200.00
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Balance on Hand	\$1,200.00

DOG TAX FUND

Unexpended Balance, 1956	\$ 358.21
Receipts, 1957	595.76
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	\$ 953.97
Expenditures Elementary School Library	\$267.42
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Balance on Hand	\$ 686.55

RETUBING HIGH SCHOOL BOILER

Appropriation	\$2,500.00
Expenditures	2,344.18
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Balance on Hand	\$ 155.82

NET COST TO TOWN

Expenditures, 1957	\$248,522.27
Receipts, 1957:	
Chapter 70, General State Aid	\$40,310.97
Reimbursement, Superintendent's Salary and Travel	2,426.67
Reimbursement, Vocational Education	8,122.84
Transportation	23,486.10
State Wards	660.19

Tuition:

Berkley	16,107.10	
Freetown	9,982.55	
Miscellaneous Tuition	666.90	
Miscellaneous Receipts	158.68	
Vocational Receipts	9.75	
Vocational Production Fund	2,300.30	
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Total Receipts, 1957		104,232.05
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Net Cost to Town		\$144,290.22
Balance Returned to Town		28.73

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

I herewith submit my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools of Dighton. Incorporated herein is the report of the Principals, the Vocational School Director, the Music Supervisors and the School Nurse. It is recommended that you read them carefully so that you may become acquainted with our school program. The schools are your schools, please feel free to call on any of us at any time when you have questions concerning our program.

Personnel

Last June eight of our faculty members left us for various reasons. Five of them accepted teaching positions in other towns, while two left for other positions and one to be married. Both of the English teachers at the High School left and again we experienced some difficulty finding suitable candidates for these positions. Although we found a replacement for our girls physical education department the young lady who was hired decided in the last minute not to work for us.

Mr. Arthur Lewis and Mr. William Sullivan were hired to teach English in the High School; Mrs. Alberta Hamilton, home economics; and Mr. Wilfred Hathaway, science and social studies. Mr. Patrick Delaney joined us in February replacing Mr. William Lewis who left us to go into business. Mrs. Carol Angus has substituted as girls physical education teacher in the High School as we have been unable to find a replacement.

Mr. Roland Horne, instrumental music supervisor for the Union resigned to teach in New York and he was replaced by Mr. Charles Lincoln.

At the Elementary School, Miss Ann Fitzsimmons was hired to teach grade 5; Mrs. Mary Gannon, for grade 6 and Mr. Kenneth Sanford, for junior high social studies. Mrs.

Richard Martin has substituted as a science teacher in grade 7 while Miss Lussier is taking girls physical education.

We are still experiencing difficulty in securing teachers. While our salary schedule helps us, we still find candidates interested in locating near Boston or going to Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

School Population

We have had a slight overall increase in school population this year. The increase at the elementary school was not so great that it was necessary to convert an auxiliary room to a classroom. However, the school census showed we could expect 55 pupils in grade one last fall and 70 enrolled. This coming year the census indicates 65 so we may have more than 70. It looks now as though we will continue to hover on the line where we will either need more classrooms or get along with that which we have for a few years.

The State Department of Education, Division of Special Education has been inquiring recently as to when we would have room available for a special class. They were told when additions were made to the schools such classes would be included.

As for the high school, we are still faced with the problem of rooms enough for the courses offered. This year we added a course in senior science and this created a general shifting of classes. We asked for permission to use the assessors' office. Until this permission was granted it was necessary to tie up the library for classes one period a day. In this day of emphasis on research the library should be available as much as possible.

In June the last class in the academic high school will be graduated with Freetown pupils in it. Berkley and Dighton pupils will be the only ones attending the academic high school next fall. The elimination of the Freetown pupils has provided some extra room but not enough to cancel out any

classes. In some ways their leaving has hurt as they provided many students who were quite brilliant and helped our competitive spirit.

It is my hope that the Dighton School Needs Committee and the Regional Committee will soon through their studies, come up with some plan that will give us our needed facilities and still not create too great a burden on the taxpayers.

Repairs and Improvements

Retubing of the boiler at the High School was the only major repair work completed this year. The schools were given a thorough cleaning during each vacation and over the summer. Floors were refinished and waxed. Paint was touched up and the kitchen at the High School was repainted.

The dishwasher at the High School will have to be replaced this year. It will also be necessary to do some inside painting at the Elementary School. Some type of laboratory table should be installed in the science room for grades seven and eight and a similar one for general science classes at the High School.

Mr. Alvin Silvia replaced Mr. Manuel Mello as custodian at the elementary school. Our four custodians have continued to do their outstanding work throughout the year. Comparing the work done and the results with that in other schools, I would say we are indeed fortunate to have such capable and hardworking custodians.

Parent-Teacher Association

The P. T. A. has been very helpful in aiding our program by supplying funds for elementary field trips. They have also supplied scholastic awards and a scholarship for a high school graduate. This organization continues to be an agent for promoting good relationship between the schools, the

parents and the teachers. Again I state you should support your P. T. A.

Conclusion

I want to thank the School Committee, the parents and the teachers for the cooperation given me this year.

I would especially like to thank our three administrators for their work:

Mr. Charles Day works hard to keep his program and equipment up to date in our very small quarters.

Mr. Edward Nicolas has taken the necessary steps to improve our curriculum and his use of the testing program has enabled him to give a great deal of help to his pupils.

Mr. James Dowd, the High School Principal, has worked hard to improve our curriculum and help your children select the program best suited for them. Interest in a college education as evidenced by the numbers of pupils taking College Board Examinations and filling out college application blanks can be directly attributed to Mr. Dowd's untiring efforts to help these people.

Again I ask for your continued cooperation and want you to feel free to call upon us at any time that we can be of help.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. ROY,
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Robert Roy
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Roy:

I submit the following report for 1957.

The annual physical examination was given to all pupils attending Dighton schools by Dr. Charles M. Souza, school physician. Pupils taking part in the athletic program were first examined before they were allowed to participate in any competitive sport.

The Massachusetts Vision Test and Puretone Audiometer Test were again given. After retesting and individual testing, parents were then notified of a failure to pass the test.

The pre-school clinic and registration day have been combined and was held on April 30th. Twenty-four children were vaccinated and sixty-nine were registered for entrance in the first grade in September.

The "Get Acquainted Day" was held the first week in May. It again proved as successful as in previous years.

Polio clinics were held in January, February, March and June. These clinics completed this program for Dighton.

Through the Board of Health Asian Flu Vaccine was made available for teachers and school personnel. A good percentage took advantage of the clinics.

In October a "virus infection" started in the High School and soon affected all grades and teachers. Absenteeism was high for about three weeks.

Again I offer my sincere thanks to the entire school personnel and parents for their assistance and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER BOWDEN, R. N.,
School Nurse

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools
Dighton, Mass.

Dear Mr. Roy:

My second annual report as Principal of Dighton High School is herewith submitted. My contact with Dighton High School over a period of one calendar year, at this writing, enables me to give a detailed report of the class of pupils which was graduated in June of 1957.

I think it is of great importance to include such a report, particularly this year. Schools in general are and have been under attack. In the recent past, because of scientific and technical developments in the world, the place and function of all levels of education are now being subjected to close scrutiny.

The graduating class of 1957 numbered 55 pupils. Of this number 48;—19 boys and 29 girls were under my immediate or direct control. Of these 48 pupils, 17 went on to continue their education at the post-secondary level. This number is about 35% of the above total. Of much more significance is the fact that of a total of 15 pupils following the College Preparatory curriculum 12 are in the college or nurses' training school of their choice. This is a very respectable 80% of the total number actually preparing for further education on the college level.

Of the 19 boys who were graduated; 9 are in the United States armed forces, 6 in four year colleges, 2 in two year technical schools, and 2 are employed in local industry. Of the 6 who are in four year colleges; 2 are at Northeastern University pursuing studies in engineering, 1 is at the University of Massachusetts studying business administration, 1 is studying pharmacy at the University of Rhode Island, 1 is in pre-medical studies at Stonehill College and 1 is preparing for a teaching career at Bridgewater Teachers' College.

Of the 29 girls who were graduated; 15 are in office work, 2 in industry, 2 at hairdressing school, 2 at home, 1 a retail store clerk, 3 in a 4 year college, 2 in nurses' training, 1 pursuing studies in the field of X-ray technology and 1 in a secretarial school.

Of the 3 girls in college, 2 are at the University of Massachusetts and one is at the Bradford Durfee Technical Institute. The 2 girls in nurses' training are at Union Hospital in Fall River and St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford. The young lady studying X-ray technology is at Pratt Diagnostic Institute and the young lady in secretarial school is at the Air Age School of Secretarial Science in Boston.

Some of the pupils mentioned above were able to obtain admission to the institution of their choice without examinations, others satisfactorily fulfilled the examination requirements of the institutions requiring such. We have maintained a close contact with a majority of these pupils. All are achieving at a level of performance not wholly inconsistent with the scope or level of their preparation at Dighton High School.

Of the 14 girls who had pursued the commercial curriculum, 10 took Civil Service examinations for positions in the clerical services of the Commonwealth. Their performance on these examinations was highly consistent with their level of achievement or preparation at Dighton High School. In addition their performance in the examinations administered by the personnel of the Taunton office of the Massachusetts Division of Employment Security was completely in line with their school performance.

An analysis of this rather detailed report would indicate that the performance of our function was reasonably respectable. It would also indicate that those pupils who are continuing their education are preparing for fields on which there is pressure for preparation in the immediate present on a national level. It would seem therefore that apart from the consideration of the individuals involved, Dighton High School is making a not insignificant proportionate contribution to the community, state and nation.

In the event that the reader now is of the opinion that too many conclusions have been drawn too rapidly from small numbers in one class alone, I deem it wise to briefly mention the statistics of the certainties and intentions of the present senior class. At this writing three girls have been accepted without examination at the University of Massachusetts. Two girls have been accepted without examination at Bridgewater Teachers' College. One girl has been accepted at Colby Junior College, and one girl has been accepted for nurses' training at Union Hospital. One young man has been accepted without examination at the University of Michigan. Other institutions at which some of the boys and girls have applied (in some instances multiple application) are New Bedford Institute of Technology, Bradford Durfee Technical Institute, Northeastern University, Norwich University, University of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, Amherst, Bowdoin, Cornell, Dartmouth and Yale. One young man is planning on additional training at a preparatory school and one young lady is considering entering into a school of merchandising.

Of the 17 pupils completing the college preparatory curriculum, 16 are in various stages of completing plans for further education and one has a distinct possibility of a splendid opportunity in private business. Seven of these pupils have taken a part of the College Entrance Examinations and many of this number will complete this series in March 1958.

During this last school year, through the complete cooperation and assistance of all faculty members, the pupils and parents concerned; six of our pupils took the College Board Examination as Juniors. I fully expect that approximately twelve of the present Juniors will take this examination in May of this year. This is an excellent practice which we hope to continue to promote.

Attached to this report are the enrollment and curricula statistics for this year. These figures are based upon our enrollment condition as of October 1, 1957. Since that time one boy and three girls have left school and one girl has moved. One girl has been added to our numbers.

It can be seen that our enrollment has remained about the same as last year. If we have the same attrition in the present eighth grade classes in Berkley and Dighton as we did last year, our enrollment will probably be about the same next year. After that it appears that there will be some problems.

Because of this enrollment condition and also wiser curriculum choices by the pupils, we were able to hold the Freshman classes in English to three divisions and in Freshman Algebra, Latin and Civics to one division. It is to be noted that none of our classes have over thirty five members. As indicated above this condition may be able to be continued through next year.

The addition of another teacher this year enables us to schedule the new advanced Senior Science class, split the office practice class into two divisions so the girls in these groups get more office machines practice, and arrange for three separate divisions at all levels of our English instruction. This last move is a very important first step in the total reorganization of our entire English program on which we are now working.

This additional teacher also enabled us to schedule a Review Mathematics class each year in the Senior year. This course not only replaces the formerly alternating Nursing Mathematics class, but also provides a senior course in Mathematics for those pupils not taking Bookkeeping II or advanced Mathematics. In addition, because we do not have to alternate Nursing Mathematics we can (and I believe should) offer advanced Mathematics each and every year.

In a thorough study of our program before issuing our bulletin for this year, we came to the reluctant decision that we would have to drop the scheduling of an expedited science program. This was necessary for two reasons:

- (1) Future space requirements and limitations.
- (2) Our experience indicated that if the science program were to be continued on an expedited as well as a

regular track it would be almost vital to re-program a two-track sequence in Mathematics and Science. This would be virtually impossible in view of our numbers and space considerations.

We now plan to run the program for only two more years to discharge our obligation or commitments to those pupils who are presently in this system. The incoming Freshmen were not allowed to choose a split Science sequence.

As a part of the re-scheduling of Mathematics and Science classes, we were able to return to the normal or traditional Mathematic sequence so that after this year there should be no problem in a Foreign Language and Mathematics conflict. This is very important if our pupils are going to be able to complete the work they need or require in these fields. It is also important if we are to prevent placing them at a disadvantage in one area in order to accommodate in another.

It is important to note here that because of the wiser and more sensible curriculum distribution in the Freshman class it now appears that we will be able to offer a class in Typewriting to College Preparatory Sophomores. This, in my opinion, is a most desirable and necessary forward step. I sincerely hope that we will be able to continue such an offering.

In revising our program of offerings an attempt was made to develop a proper sequence in the area of Home Economics. Since these courses, on a non-vocational basis, are considered to be unprepared they have been, and in many places still are, considered to be half-credit courses. In our revision just such credit was assigned to most of them. For this or other reasons the number of girls electing these courses was surprisingly low. In addition the extent of previous pursuit was so mixed at the various class levels, it was necessary to completely alter our plans for the sequence and nature of the offerings.

The seventh and eighth grade girls continue to participate in this program. Unless there is substantially more interest on the part of high school girls in the offerings in this area

during the coming year, I firmly believe we shall be forced to review the necessity or desirability of continuing the program as it would normally exist.

As mentioned in my report of last year, we developed and inaugurated an achievement testing program. As the program develops and is augmented it should prove of great value to our pupils and teachers. The results will supply evidence for revising, or at least reviewing, the nature and scope of some of our offerings. In connection with the testing program I must mention the fine work which the personnel of the Taunton office of the Massachusetts Division of Employment Security perform each year. They administer an extensive series of tests to all of our Seniors and spend much time in counseling and discussing the vocational and educational possibilities for each of these boys and girls.

I would like to express a debt of personal gratitude to all of these fine people for their excellent work in our behalf.

The services and offerings of our library continue to improve thanks to the budgetary provision made by you and the School Committee. We still have much work to do in this area in order to provide complete and adequate service as a school library. Our thanks for the cooperation in the measures thus far undertaken.

During the past school year Dighton High School participated in the Good Government Day and Student Exchange Day programs. These programs are promoted and developed by the Division of American Citizenship of the Department of Education. The visits to the State House and the exchange with the Attleboro High School students were very profitable and enjoyable experiences for our pupils. I would like to thank the authorities of Standard Coil Co., Inc., Mr. Miller and his associates at Arnold Hoffman Co., Director John B. Farrar and the personnel of the Bristol County Agricultural School for their splendid cooperation in the latter program. I also wish to express a debt of gratitude to Mr. Clayton Atwood, Mr. Percy Simmons and the Town Office Personnel for the kind cooperation in the exchange program. We cer-

tainly plan to continue our participation in both these activities.

Members of the Class of 1957 participated in the University of Massachusetts state wide Mathematics contest. Dighton High School was one of four schools participating in Southeastern Massachusetts. One of our pupils was the recipient of an award indicating that his performance was in the upper quarter of pupils throughout the Commonwealth. One of our pupils competed and did very well in the Fall River Exchange Club Scholarship for excellence in the study of United States History.

Members of the Class of 1957 participated and performed creditably in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. During October of this year ten members of the Class of 1958 took the Scholarship examination. A number of these pupils performed very well in the competition.

During the past year it was necessary to seriously review our position in interscholastic football in the Narragansett League. After long consideration it was decided, for the sake of the young men participating, that it would be wise to withdraw from league competition. School Committee permission was granted and our withdrawal was reluctantly accepted by league members. We are now trying to arrange a 6 or 7 game independent interscholastic football schedule.

In order to correct any misunderstanding that may have developed because of statements in the press regarding our reasons for withdrawal, I feel I must clarify our position. In 1951 all league members had a school enrollment of between 304 and 380 pupils. Dighton High School had an enrollment of 306 pupils. In 1957 Dighton High School had an enrollment of 274 pupils including the 51 boys in the Vocational School. The next smallest was Case High of Swansea with 522 pupils in grades 9 thru 12. The largest was Falmouth with 634 pupils in grades 9-12. The sole reason for the development of the position of Dighton High School in this matter was the removal of pupils from Rehoboth and Freetown. In other words our comparatively stable en-

rollment position has been maintained even though we are now housing pupils from two of the original four towns: Dighton and Berkley. The class of 1958 is the last class whose membership is made up of pupils from Dighton, Berkley and Freetown. Our comparative position is thus reduced because of the reduction in the total population from whom we draw or whom we serve.

It was with sincere regret that we closed our football relationship with the four schools in that excellent league. We sincerely hope to be able to maintain a healthy competitive position in basketball and baseball in the Narry League.

Another matter requiring mention is our Driver Education program. In the past this important instruction has been offered only to members of the Senior Class. This is a highly undesirable practice because of the fact that by the time our pupils are Seniors more than 50% of them are licensed operators. The program then has an entirely disproportionate value attached to the certificate awarded for satisfactory completion of the program. This certificate value looms large when the automobile insurance advantages are attached to it. If we are to offer a Driver Training and Education program worthy of the name, it must be made available to the pupils as they become 16 years of age; subject to parental permission.

With these considerations in mind, we were able to have Mr. McGuirk become a certified instructor to reduce the pressure of the program. With Mr. McGuirk and Mr. DeMarco offering instruction and training in this program, we are better able to handle the almost 100% participation by the present Senior Class. In addition to these steps we are now providing the classroom instruction to the present Junior class. It is hoped that as the Seniors finish their training, and by providing on-the-road training during the summer months; we will be able to start next September with the incoming Juniors. Then, by offering the classroom instruction to the Sophomores as well, we will ultimately provide this program on a regular basis to our pupils at a level where it will be more truly Driver Training and Driver Education,

with properly reduced emphasis on the Certificate solely for its insurance advantage.

In as much as your own report will no doubt cover staff changes and considerations of space needs I shall not belabor these points.

In the program of Studies and Bulletin of Information distributed last spring new attendance and academic requirements were presented. Attention of the parents is called to these regulations which were adopted for the purpose of strengthening the quality and efficiency of our classes. We have our share of pupils who do not want to be in school and whose parents are not interested in insisting that the required study be done in school and at home. (Again I repeat, it is impossible to obtain an adequate secondary education by merely attending school 5 or 6 hours per day.) All of the faculty is very grateful for the fine spirit of cooperation evidenced by a majority of the parents.

Every citizen should be aware today of the importance of adequate education and study. They should know as well that no pupil has a right to a High School diploma. Every pupil has the right to the opportunity of at least a secondary education at public expense. The exercise of this right to this opportunity presupposes the interest, the educational background, and ability to take advantage of it. The existence of public schools presupposes parental interest and cooperation. The increasing emphasis on education today, its increasing costs for facilities, materials and services demand no less.

This report of results and progress would be impossible without the complete cooperation of a fine faculty. I express my hearty thanks to them. I also wish to thank the School Doctor and Nurse, the cafeteria personnel and the custodial staff for their fine cooperation. A special debt of gratitude is hereby acknowledged to Chief of Police Charles Mason and the members of the Dighton Police who have been of great help in promptly handling various situations during the year; and who provide fine protection at all of our functions.

I could not close without a deep and sincere expression of appreciation to you personally and the members of the School Committee for your interest, encouragement and complete cooperation. A continuation of this climate, with the parent and pupil cooperation, will only serve to enable all of us staff members to more effectively meet the educational challenge which, for survival, we must face.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES J. DOWD,
Principal

DIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

October 1, 1957

Class	Dighton			Berkley			Freetown			Taunton		Total
	B	G	Total	B	G	Total	B	G	Total	B	Total	
Freshman	31	20	51	4	10	14	0	0	0	0	0	65
Sophomore	14	30	44	6	5	11	0	0	0	0	0	55
Junior	13	25	38	1	11	12	0	1	1	1	1	52
Senior	10	19	29	2	7	9	3	10	13	0	0	51
	68	94	162	13	33	46	3	11	14	1	1	223

Total Boys—85

Total Girls—138

Our distribution of pupils enrolled in the various curricula is as follows:

CURRICULA STATISTICS

Class	College	Commercial	General	Total
Freshman	32	15	18	65
Sophomore	24	16	15	55
Junior	22	13	17	52
Senior	17	24	10	51
	<hr/> 95	<hr/> 68	<hr/> 60	<hr/> 223

Our recitation classes, exclusive of music groups, physical education classes, and clubs, are:

No. of Pupils	No. of Classes	No. of Pupils	No. of Classes
1-5	2*	21-25	11
6-10	12**	26-30	5
11-15	10	31-35	9
16-20	10	36-40	0

*This figure represents one advanced Senior Science Class and one class in Home Economics.

**Six of these classes are Home Economics classes.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Robert Roy
Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my third annual report as Principal of the Dighton Elementary School.

ENROLMENT

With the opening of school in September a total of 555 pupils were present. The peak enrollment for the year was 556.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum reflects the philosophy that has been projected over the past two and one half years.

Into the Elementary School comes the raw material of our democracy. Here these children from every manner of home and background meet as a member of a distinct social group. Their experiences in this group will influence, for better or worse, their lifelong attitudes and ideas regarding ways of living and working together in a democratic society. From their experiences here, also, they are to acquire the skills, the knowledge, the loyalties and the common under-

standings which are essential for the unity and stability of society.

With this philosophy in mind we have attempted to offer the pupils of this school a well rounded program which will promote their intellectual, emotional and physical growth. Our projected curriculum for the school is as follows:

1. A foreign language to be presented to qualified students on a conversational level at the fourth grade level.
2. A Special Class Program as recommended by the State Department of Education.
3. An Art Instructor for grades one to six. Our Junior High Division has an excellent art program functioning under the capable direction of Mr. Albert Genovese.
4. For our Junior High the following additions: lengthen daily periods, add a foreign language, a commercial introduction course, extend mechanical drawing and an Industrial Arts program required for all boys regardless of educational objectives.
5. A physical education program conducted by an instructor in Physical Education for at least one 25-30 minute period a week for grades one through six. This is to include both boys and girls and a definite course of study to follow.

DIGHTON PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Our annual P.T.A. "Kick-off" dinner started the year's activities with over two hundred persons served. The program was presented by the Commanding Officer of the Niki station in Rehoboth.

The officers for the year are:

President	Mr. Day
Vice President	Dr. Woods
Secretary	Mrs. Hurwitz
Treasurer	Mrs. Shaw

Membership in the P.T.A. is open to any parent or interested citizen in our community.

GUIDANCE SERVICES

The testing program now in operation is offering to the teachers a tool by which they can better assist the pupils by diagnosing their weakness.

Our testing program structure is as follows: Inventory in September in grades two through eight; Readiness Tests to all entering first graders; Achievement tests in the late Spring to all grades and an Intelligence test in grades 3-5-8 annually.

As a result of such a complete analysis program, we have been able to aid and assist many students in their academic work before a serious condition evolves.

All entering first graders are screened by Mrs. Lamb, our Speech Therapist; and the parent, as well as the student, receives suggestions and instructions from Mrs. Lamb whenever necessary.

Any parent who is interested in observing a Speech Therapy Class in operation is invited to contact the school for details.

EXTRA CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES

Both our Junior High boys and girls are participating in the Junior High League. Events such as Junior High Track Meet, (Dighton was the Host) Basketball, Baseball, Softball and a Cheering Squad offer a diversified area of activities for students so that individual needs and abilities are taken in consideration.

The Club program plus a Student Council and the services of Mr. Edwin Wyeth round out our program for the students of our school.

MISCELLANY

The proper maintenance of a building this size requires constant application and concern. Mr. Antone Costa and Mr.

Alvin Silvia are executing their responsibilities and maintaining the building and facilities at an extremely high level.

Under the capable direction of Mrs. Alfrena Bettencourt and her staff, the students continue to receive a well planned, well balanced type "A" meal daily.

In conclusion may I express my appreciation to the Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee, Town Officials and Parents of the community for their cooperation and support in helping to improve the academic proficiency of our school.

Respectfully submitted,

F. EDWARD NICOLAS,
Principal

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC REPORT

Mr. Robert Roy,
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Roy:

My report as Instrumental Music Supervisor in the Town of Dighton is herewith respectfully submitted.

At present the instrumental music program consists of the following:

Group instruction in the brass, woodwind and percussion instruments.

Elementary School Band.

High School Band.

Elementary School brass choir and string ensemble.

The lesson program is offered to beginners, intermediates and advanced instrumentalists. The lesson time consists of one class period a week and its purpose is to advance the student on his instrument by offering new musical material and correcting any individual problems which may arise.

The elementary school band has approximately twenty-five members. The band rehearses two forty-five minute periods a week and has been the most active of the musical organizations.

The band has participated at all of the high school football games and rallies; elementary school assemblies and at the Christmas Operetta. There are two smaller organizations within the elementary school; the brass choir and string ensemble.

The brass choir is a fine group composed of advanced elementary players. The purpose of the group is to give the students an opportunity to play advanced music and to perform in public as a musical unit.

The violin ensemble has made excellent progress. The group was formed as a preparation for an elementary school orchestra which will be started in the near future.

The High School Band has performed at the football games and rallies. Although the band has some fine players, there is a definite lack of numbers, and it has been necessary to combine both elementary and high school bands at these activities. Future plans for instrumental music in the high school are concerned with an orchestra. The addition of string players will make it possible for the high school to have a larger musical organization and will also give those students who were previously in the band the experience of playing a broader variety of music.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. LINCOLN,
Instrumental Music Supervisor

VOCAL MUSIC REPORT

Mr. Robert T. Roy, Supt. of Schools
Dighton High School
Somerset Avenue
North Dighton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Roy:

I submit the following report for 1957:

Each elementary classroom is visited once a week for me to observe what has been accomplished during the week. "Uncertain singers" or those students that cannot match a tone in the first, second, and third grades are helped individually. One song sung with words is required weekly. Rhythmic drills, some theoretical problems, and note-reading is presented daily in each grade with the exception of the first grade. The musical scale has just been taught, therefore; fundamental training for the first grade will be presented later in the year. Rhythm band is now a part of the music curriculum since each first grade classroom is equipped with a piano.

Rote songs are taught only in the first three grades. Before moving to the fourth grade, third graders have practice in accomplishing songs sung with words through note-reading first. I believe that learning solely through rote teaching serves only as a "crutch."

Fifth and sixth grades are building their repertoire with two-part songs. The sixth grades have progressed so well this school year that three-part singing will definitely be introduced before long. This is an accomplishment made since last year.

I visit the junior high general music class for two forty minute periods each week. Classroom participation, knowledge of basic theory, and the understanding of "good" music or serious music through listening are factors I consider when grading junior high. A junior high course consisting of selected students was introduced this year. This meets early in the morning for two short periods weekly. Shortly, prepa-

ration will be made for the annual spring concert in which this chorus will take part.

At Christmas time an operetta, "Merry Christmas, Mister Snowman" was presented. Students from second to seventh grades were members of the cast. On the same program, the first and second grades sang selections of Christmas joy accompanying themselves with rhythm instruments.

In closing, I wish to thank the administration and teaching staff for giving the music program serious consideration toward the emotional growth of the child and for including music as part of the every-day curriculum.

Yours very truly,

NELLIE MAY PEIRCE,
Vocal Music Supervisor

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIGHTON VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my fifth annual report as Director of the Dighton Vocational School.

At a recent Vocational Directors' meeting, our guest speaker was Dr. Owen B. Kiernan, the new Commissioner of Education for the State of Massachusetts. During his talk, he stated that in his opinion Vocational Education is the "heart of education."

This has been a year of many pros and cons concerning secondary education. However, the following analysis from our office of education is timely and interesting. "For every scientist, from four to six engineers are needed. For each engineer, six to eleven skilled workers or tradesmen are required."

From the United States Department of Labor, the following statement has been issued. "Skills must be better in order

to produce enough for 193 million people by 1965. It will take another 10 million fully-trained skilled workers to do the job."

In view of these facts, Vocational Education plays an even more important part in today's world.

In January, the senior boys of the automobile department acted as helpers and guides at the Taunton Automobile Show held at the Roseland Ballroom. We are grateful to Mr. George Powers, a member of our Advisory Board, for his invitation which has been extended again to this year's seniors.

Open House, held in May was by far the most successful to date. The large attendance was due in part, to the excellent pictorial coverage by the "Taunton Daily Gazette." Another interest factor was the radio broadcast, during which Mr. Quill of station W.P.E.P. interviewed our students while they were engaged in their shop work.

Mr. Robert Nolan, of the Office of Surplus Property—Division of Vocational Education, has again this year been very kind in allowing us to procure much usable material from Myles Standish. Recently, we received a new D.C. Welder, 18" Disc. Sander, new tires for our truck, plus small tools and steel.

Having an opportunity to acquire this material helps to reduce our per pupil cost.

The new Ford Thunderbird engine with Fordomatic transmission was a gift of the Ford Motor Company. Another gift was an Oldsmobile Rocket 88 engine with Hydromatic transmission. These units aid us greatly in presenting "up-to-date" instruction on live engine work.

We wish to thank the Taunton Oxygen Company for the new award of a complete gas welding outfit. It has been presented to a sophomore boy who has shown much promise in this field. During the summer, he has earned a considerable amount of money with his award.

The State Department of Vocational Education maintains that we must only accept those students who can be trained as skilled workers for profitable employment. Therefore, we

must give a mechanical aptitude test, evaluate the student's records, be guided by the principal's recommendation, and also have a personal interview with each boy being considered.

Because of our limited space, we are only allowed to enroll twelve freshmen each year. However, the applications more than double this figure.

Our 1957 graduates are actively engaged in work for which they have been trained or with which they have been allied. A few of these young men are in the Armed Services. From our follow-up reports, all of them are doing exceptionally well.

We will continue to explore all avenues of trade training and employment to gear our program to the needs of industry. Also, we are trying to give our students the kind of an education which will prepare them to take their places as good citizens in our changing world.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you, your committee, the townspeople, employers who hire our students, and the many state agencies that aid us. The Dighton Vocational School is most appreciative.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. DAY,
Director

DIGHTON VOCATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

Class	Dighton	Berkley	Freetown	Total
Freshmen	11	1		12
Sophomores	5	6	4	15
Juniors	5	3	5	13
Seniors	5	1	3	9
Totals	26	11	12	49

DIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION EXERCISES

Dighton High School Auditorium—June 13, 1957

PROGRAM

OVERTURE—"Cathedral Echoes" Morrissey
Band

*PROCESSIONAL MARCH—"Marche Processionale" Herfurth
Band

INVOCATION—
Rev. Frank C. Seymour
First Congregational Church of Dighton

WELCOME—
Steven Hall
President—Class of 1957

HONOR ESSAY—"America Makes Its Way: The Past"
Barbara Sellars

SELECTION—"This is My Country" arr. Tom Scott
Class of 1957

HONOR ESSAY—"America Makes Its Way: The Future"
Joan Copeland

ADDRESS—"W—H—Y"
Dr. J. Paul Mather, B.S.A., M.B.A., M.A.,
LL.D., LL.D., Sc. D.
President, University of Massachusetts

PRESENTATIONS—James J. Dowd, Principal
AWARDS—

Rensselaer Polytechnic Alumni Medal
Balfour Key

Commercial Award
 John Charves Award
 Bion L. Pierce Awards
 Grossman Woodworking Award
 Cpl. John Dutra Memorial Award
 Arion Award
 Bausch & Lomb Medal

SCHOLARSHIPS—

Dighton High School Alumni
 Berkley Student Council
 East Freetown Women's Club
 Freetown Lions Club
 Dighton Mothers' Fireside Circle
 Dighton High School Class of 1956
 Dighton Teachers' Association

†PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS—

Mr. Albert R. DeSilva
 Chairman of Dighton School Committee

SELECTION—"I'll Walk With God" Brodsky-Ernst
 Class of 1957

BENEDICTION—

Rev. Francis A. McCarthy
 Pastor, St. Joseph's Church, No. Dighton

RECESSIONAL MARCH—

Band

Roland S. Horne, Supervisor of Instrumental Music
 Nellie May Peirce, Supervisor of Vocal Music
 Accompanists—Joyce Gurney, Marilyn Hathaway

*The audience is requested to remain seated during the Processional March.

†The audience is requested to refrain from applause until all diplomas have been distributed.

CLASS OF 1957

James Emery Andrews	Hattie Elaine Marshall
William Halsey Ashley	Arthur Joseph Martin
Janice May Baptiste	Helen Louise Medeiros
**Judith Crandell Barry	*Thelma R. Mull
*Margaret Ann Barry	*Paul Costa Pacheco
Wilfrid Joseph Berthiaume	Lawrence Russell Perry
Shirley Irene Billings	*Jeanne Laurette Pothier
Paul Joseph Bilodeau	Samuel Stanley Pratt
John William Branco	*Ronald Foster Reynolds
*Beverly Jayne Broadbent	Richmond George Rines
Charles Patrick Brown	*Caroline Marie Rose
Nancy Louise Cambra	Robert Francis Rose
Mary Louise Carvalho	*Barbara Louise Sellars
**Joan Phyllis Copeland	George Morgan Silver
Natalie Dolores Costa	*Irene Mae Simmons
Donna Cudworth	Madelyn Ann Simmons
Eunice Louise Eddy	*Merle Arthur Smith
Josephine Moniz Ferreira	Bruce Howard Spooner
*Madeline Ann Ferreira	Robert Bruce Tedford
Marianna Mae Fortes	Robert Winslow Terry
Warner Brownell Goff	Alfred Allen Tolley, Jr.
Joan Phyllis Goodwin	Adeline Helen Torres
*Steven Hall	Joseph A. Vargas
Carole Frances Johnson	Geraldine Vasconcellos
Linda Mae Kristofferson	Robert John Viveiros
Lorraine F. LaPorte	*Laurelie Walker
Theodore Francis Lippold	Thomas Kilgour Webster, Jr.
Raymond McCrohan	

**First Honors—An average of A for four years.

*Second Honors—An average of B to A for four years.

Class Officers

Steven Hall	President
Joan Copeland	Vice-President
Thelma Mull	Treasurer
Beverly Broadbent	Secretary

Class Motto

“We Will Find A Way Or Make One”

Class Advisor: Richard L. Dias

Dighton School Committee

Albert R. DeSilva, Chairman	
Mrs. Hawtrey Yeames, Secretary	
Lawrence Mendoza	Wyman E. Hawkes
Mrs. James Carr	Harry Hagopian
Francis J. Torres, Financial Secretary	
Robert T. Roy, Superintendent of Schools	

ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOLS

October 1, 1957

Dighton High School	223	
Dighton Vocational School	53	
Dighton Elementary School	543	
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Tuition Pupils—Dighton High School:

High School	
Berkley	46
Freetown	14
Taunton	1
Vocational	
Berkley	1
Freetown	14
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	86
Net Total Enrollment—Dighton Pupils	<hr/> 733

GRADUATION EXERCISES
DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

June 5, 1957

PROGRAM

OVERTURE—"Cathedral Echoes" J. Morrissey

PROCESSIONAL—"Marche Processionale" P. C. Herfurth

INVOCATION—

Rev. Francis A. McCarthy
Pastor, St. Joseph's Church, North Dighton

CHORAL READING—"If" Rudyard Kipling

GREETINGS—

John Pires
Class President

SELECTION—"May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"

THEME— A CHALLENGE TO YOUTH

Faith in Oneself

Charles Harris

Thoughts and Dreams, Triumph or Disaster?

Robert Farrar

SELECTION—"America My Own"

Being Oneself

Karen Taylor

The Unforgiving Minute

William Silver

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS—

Mr. Robert T. Roy

Superintendent of Schools

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS—

Mr. Francis J. Torres

Dighton School Committee

SELECTION—"I Believe"

BENEDICTION—

Rev. Joseph Gamson

North Dighton Methodist Church

RECESSIONAL—"The Royal Trumpeters"

C. L. Barnes

Class Officers

President John Pires

Vice President Ernest Carpenter

Secretary Betsy Broadbent

Treasurer Robert Farrar

Mr. Robert T. Roy, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. F. Edward Nicolas, Principal

Miss Nellie May Peirce, Vocal Music Supervisor

Mr. Roland S. Horne, Instrumental Music Supervisor

Mr. Albert Genovese, Graduation Chairman

GRADUATES

Patricia Ann Amarello	William E. Johnson, Jr.
Alan Bacon	Carol Irene Jones
Antoinette Benevides	Peter Knox
Louis M. Benevides	George Francis Lavigne
Manuel M. Borges, Jr.	*James Douglas Marsden
Maurice Roger Boucher	Daniel Kendall Martin
Betsy Ann Broadbent	Vernon Carlyle McNeil
Mary Michaela Buckley	Richard Anthony Medeiros
*Robert Avon Burgmann	Bruce Allen Miller
Frank Cambra	Robert J. O'Hara
Susan Grace Carey	Esther Pacheco
Ernest Carpenter	Alfred James Perry
Horace George Carpenter	Joseph Anthony Pimento
*Thomas James Collard	John Francis Pires
Mary Louise Costa	*Cameron B. Place
Raymond Costa, Jr.	Charles Augustine Roderiques
Timothy Douglas Costa	Charles A. Rose
Elizabeth Ann Cottrell	Maxine Estella Rose
Barbara Anne DeMerritt	James Frederick Sherrington
*Roger S. Duarte	*William Steven Silver
James Mead Dunne	Edward J. Silvia
Edith Elizabeth Estabrooks	*Pamela Louise Smith
*Robert Edward Farrar	Francis Robert Sousa
Paul Francis Ferreira	Julius M. Souza
Robert Francis Ferreira	Ronald Joseph Souza
Barbara Louise Gomes	*Carl Edward Stonstrom
Barbara Ann Haggerty	F. David Sylvia
Charles Daniel Harris	**Karen W. Taylor
Frederick E. Heinig	Dorothy Elizabeth Torres
James V. Heywood, Jr.	Joanne Beverly Vargas
Robert Wade Hopkins	Penelope Jean Webster
*Joyce Ellen Horton	William Russell Wheeler
Raymond Francis Jack	Jon Edward Wordell

*Honors

**High Honors

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1957 Dighton Schools

DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total Bldg.
F. Edward Nicolas, Principal													
Teachers:													
Dorothy B. Bagley	24												24
Jessie H. Bradley	25												25
Doris M. Ferreira	21												21
Jacqueline C. Booth		26											26
Olive W. Crawford		24											24
Margaret F. Harrington		27											27
Rose E. Borges			32										32
Helen M. Simmons			31										31
Lena W. Cowell				37									37
Anne M. Phillips				37									37
Ann T. Fitzsimmons					37								37
Helen C. Turner					37								37
Mary E. Gannon						32							32
Leo T. Wontkowski						33							33
Albert N. Genovese							31						31
Annette Lussier							32						32
Francis R. Lussier								28					28
Kenneth P. Sanford								29					29
Total Elementary School													543

DIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL	65	55	52	51	223
DIGHTON VOCATIONAL SCHOOL	12	16	15	10	53
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Total Enrollment in Dighton Schools					819
Number attending Private Schools					60

AGE—GRADE ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1957

Grade	AGE																			Totals												
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19																	
1	14	50	6														70															
2		8	51	15	3												77															
3			7	53	2	1											63															
4				12	47	9	6										74															
5					7	52	11	4									74															
6						12	41	9	3								65															
7							10	37	10	6							63															
8								14	27	14	2						57															
9									16	48	11	2					*77															
10										16	42	10	3				*71															
11											12	46	8	1			*67															
12												13	43	4	1		*61															
Totals																	14	58	64	80	59	74	68	64	56	84	67	71	54	5	1	819

*Includes Tuition Students

DIGHTON SCHOOL FACULTY — DECEMBER 31, 1957

Dighton High School

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Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
Principal			
James J. Dowd, M.Ed.	244 So. Walker St., Taunton	No. Adams State Teachers' College, University of Mass.	1956
Vice-Principal			
Leo P. DeMarco, M.Ed.	403 Spring St., North Dighton	Fordham Univ., Boston University	1946
Faculty			
Parick F. Delaney, Jr., B.S.	232 High St., Fall River	Providence College	1957
Richard L. Dias, M.Ed.	Simpson Lane, Assonet	Arnold College of Science	1952
Alberta C. Hamilton, B.S., M.S.	Pleasant St., Dighton	University of Mass.	1957
Wilfred A. Hathaway	Somerset Ave., Segreganset	University of Mass.	1957
Helena M. Kennedy, M.A.	175 Highland St., Taunton	Simmons College, Boston University	1953
Arthur A. Lewis, M.A.	47 Winthrop St., Taunton	Brown University	1957
Robert M. McGuirk, A.B.	25 Second St., Taunton	Providence College	1956
Louise W. Ring, B.A.	Elm Street, Berkley	Boston University, Col. of Liberal Arts	1955
Walter R. Scanlon, M.Ed.	10 Greylock Ave., Taunton	Prov. College, Bridgewater Teachers' College	1950
Eleanor S. Smith, B.S. in Ed.	Williams St., No. Dighton	Suffolk University	1924
William E. Sullivan, A.B.	26 Briggs St., Taunton	Colby College	1957
Francis R. Vitale, M.Ed.	365 Somerset Ave., Taunton	Boston University	1951
Vocational School			
Director			
Charles F. Day, B.S. in Ed.	Walker St., No. Dighton	Fitchburg Teachers' College	1943
Paul W. Couture, M.Ed.	Simpson Lane, Assonet	Prov. College, Bridgewater Teachers' College	1953
Charles C. O'Connell	302 Washington St., Taunton	Taunton High, Fitchburg Teachers' College	1944

Dighton High School (continued)

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
High School Office Secretary			
Thelma C. Spinney	29 Summer St., No. Dighton		
Cafeteria Personnel			
Aldea G. Gagner, Head Cook	50 South St., Taunton		
Annie G. Davis, Assistant	Main Street, Dighton		
Violet Horton, Part time			
Dighton Elementary School			
Principal			
F. Edward Nicolas, Ed. M.A.	Center St., Segreganset	Suffolk University	1955
Faculty			
Dorothy B. Bagley	54 Coral St., Fall River	Perry Kindergarten Normal	1948
Jacqueline C. Booth, B.S. in Ed.	154 Dighton Ave., Taunton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1954
Rose E. Borges, M.Ed.	6 Pleasant St., Dighton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1927
Jessie H. Bradley, B.A.	Berkley St., Berkley	Wellesley College, Bridgewater Teachers' College	1954
Lena W. Cowell, B.S. M.Ed.	198 Bourn Ave., Somerset	Calvin Coolidge College	1921
Olive W. Crawford, B.S. M.Ed.	411 Prospect St., Fall River	Calvin Coolidge College	1947
Doris M. Ferreira	490 Woodman St., Fall River	Perry Normal	1949
Ann T. Fitzsimmons, B.S. in Ed.	108 Broadway, Taunton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1957
Mary E. Gannon, B.A.	3235 Riverside Ave., Somerset	University of Mass.	1957
Albert N. Genovese, M.S.Ed.	243 High St., Taunton	University of Bridgeport	1953
Margaret F. Harrington	233 Whipple St., Fall River	Framingham Teachers' College	1946
Aunette Lussier, B.A.	437 Lindsay St., Fall River	Rivier College	1956
Francis R. Lussier, A.B.	118 Shawomet Ave., Somerset	Providence College	1955
Anne M. Phillips	59 Freedom St., Fall River	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1948

Dighton Elementary School (continued)

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
Kenneth P. Sanford, M.A.	14 Buxton Ave., Somerset	Boston College	1957
Helen M. Simmons	4 Avon Street, Somerset	Thibodeau Bus. College	1922
Helen C. Turner	117 School St., No. Dighton	Framingham Normal School	1946
Leo T. Wontkowski, B.A., M.A.	356 Robinson Ave., So. Attleboro	Providence College, Bridgewater Teachers' College	1956
Music Supervisors			
Vocal			
Nellie May Peirce, B.M.	96 Middleboro Ave., E. Taunton	Boston University	1956
Instrumental			
Charles H. Lincoln, B.M.	25 Monica Street, Taunton	Boston University	1957
Elementary School Secretary			
Hannah E. Lassen	17 Pleasant St., Dighton		
Cafeteria Personnel			
Alfrena Bettencourt, Head Cook	211 School Street, North Dighton		
Grace E. French, Assistant	Lincoln Avenue, North Dighton		
Louise G. Gomes, Assistant	Hart Street, Dighton		
Bertha R. Stafford, Assistant	Somerset Ave., Segreganset		
Custodians			
Name	Home Address	School	App'd.
Howell S. Carr	Elm Street, Dighton	Dighton High School	1942
Charles R. Leonard	Center St., No. Dighton	Dighton High School	1952
Antone Costa	Elm St., Dighton	Dighton Elementary	1956
Alvin Silvia	School Lane, Dighton	Dighton Elementary	1957

Personnel Changes

Teacher	Position	Date of Resignation	Reason
Ann G. Warner	English, High School	July 18, 1957	To be married
Robert M. Ponte	English, High School	June 30, 1957	Teaching in Fall River
Jean L. Goodell	H. H. Arts	June 30, 1957	Not known
Mary Lymberis	Physical Education	June 30, 1957	Not known
Roland S. Horne, Jr.	Instrumental Music	July 2, 1957	Teaching in New York
Jacqueline Bennett	Grade 5, Elementary	June 7, 1957	New Bedford
Frederick J. Arata	Grade 6, Elementary	June 7, 1957	Rockland
Arthur M. Chace	Grades 7 & 8, Elementary	July 17, 1957	Teaching Principal Deerfield
Manuel A. Mello	Custodian, Elementary	May 24, 1957	Working elsewhere



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